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OMINOUS SOVIET MOVES AGAINST FINLAND

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Moscow, To-day.

PROTEST MEETINGS and the broadcasting campaign against Finland are continuing in full swing.

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"If Finland persists in threatening our security and creating insane provocations, we are capable of defending our happy life and the integrity of our frontiers."

The Moscow radio announcer asserted that the Finns do not want war but that their Government has been bought over with French and British gold!

All this propaganda is possibly influencing the Man in the Street, while political observers are wondering why Russia's diminutive neighbour should be indulging in provocation.

It is pointed out that the "shells fell in Soviet territory" only after a violent anti-Finnish press campaign best exemplified by the "Pravda's" editorial on Friday, in which the Finnish Prime Minister, M. Cajander, is called a "buffoon" 12 times.

DIFFICULT SITUATION

Observers stress that the withdrawal demanded by the Soviets will result in the abandonment of Finnish fortifications, placing Finland in much the same position as that of Czechoslovakia in regard to Germany in 1938.

Although the Soviet demand is not presented in the form of an ultimatum as no time limit is fixed, the renewed tension it has created will make it well-nigh impossible merely to withdraw or forget it later on. — Havas.

THREATENING TONE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

"The Finns must draw an immediate conclusion after receiving the Soviet note and withdraw without delay their troops from the Soviet border," the Soviet wireless announces.

The station points out that workers' organizations throughout the U.S.S.R. had voted anti-Finnish resolutions yesterday morning, "branding the Finnish Government provocations of the Soviet Union."—Havas.

FINLAND CALM

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish Government and people are taking a calm view of the situation.

Finland, authoritative circles here state, is ready and willing for any investigation to be made into the alleged trouble on the Karelian frontier; Finland is confident that this investigation will show that whatever happened, Finland played no part in it.—Reuter.

NAVAL AND AIR FORCE JOIN WAR OF NERVES

London, To-day.

The Soviet Baltic Fleet is taking part in the Moscow "war of nerves" against Finland, according to reports from Stockholm.

The reports state that in addition to a naval "demonstration" in the Gulf of Finland, the skies over Soviet territory near the Finnish frontier have been "darkened" by squadron manoeuvres.—Reuter.

FRENCH PARLIAMENT TO MEET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Parliament is meeting for an extraordinary session at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday. — Havas.

ASTOUNDING GERMAN BROADCAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

A sensation was created here when it was learnt that the Berlin radio last night announced that "the U.S.A. has prohibited all trade transactions with Japan."

It was also alleged that Senator Pittman had stated "the U.S.A. has given up hope of attaining peaceful relations with Japan."

The German allegation is sternly denied in Washington. The 1911 Treaty, it is pointed out, is still valid and the enforcement of an embargo against Japan requires a decision by Congress.—Havas.

BIG ATTACK ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

The first big infantry assault on the Western Front for some considerable time occurred yesterday in the region to the east of the Moselle, near the Luxemburg border.

The Germans launched an attack in some force, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

At one time, the German and French forces were in close contact and hand grenades and bayonets came into play.

During the action, artillery of the heaviest calibre was brought into play. — Reuter.

SPAARNDAM CASUALTIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS NOW FEARED THAT THE CASUALTY TOLL OF THE SPAARNDAM WAS MUCH HEAVIER THAN WAS AT FIRST BELIEVED.

Latest reports state that 45 persons are missing; 44 members of the crew and a woman passenger.

Publication in Holland of a list of Dutch ships and Dutch lives lost as a result of indiscriminate mining, totalling 31,000 tons and nearly 200 lives, has aroused high feeling against Germany in Netherlands shipping circles. — Havas.

EVEN SIGNOR GAYDA FAVOURABLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

All the Italian papers carry editorials on Mr. Chamberlain's speech, which is favourably greeted.

Signor Gayda's paper, "Giornale d'Italia," draws attention to Mr. Chamberlain's desire that Europe should be free from the spirit of conquest.

Economic nationalism and the policy of autarchy, imposed on Europe by cruel necessity, will, it says, once the war is concluded, give way to general trade development, bringing prosperity to the whole Continent.

But first of all, Europe must be freed from the spirit of conquest and brutality which Britain identifies with Hitlerism.

Other papers congratulate the Prime Minister on the tone of his statement, which entirely excluded the idea of hegemony and "did not allude to the League of Nations, which is obsolete."—Havas.

NAZI PLANES FAIL TO REACH FORTH

London, To-day.

The R.A.F. drove two German aircraft out over the North Sea no less than three times when they attempted persistently to make a reconnaissance flight over the Firth of Forth. — Reuter.

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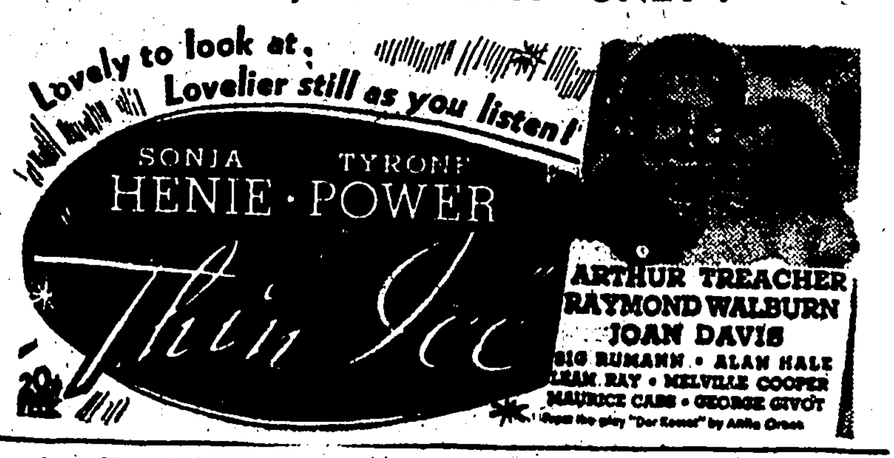

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BRITAIN'S CAPACITY TO PAY

ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAR

London, To-day.

THE DETERMINATION of Australia and Canada to give maximum co-operation to the British war effort was emphasised by the Australian Air Minister and Canadian Finance Minister, broadcasting from Ottawa.

Australian expenditure for the first year of the war will be £50,000,000 which is nearly four times the expenditure in the first year of the last war. Almost double the number of men are in training.

Twenty-thousand air pilots are being completely trained in Australia in addition to thousands of Australian air fighters to be trained in Canada.

Canadian expenditure in the first year of the war is estimated at £63,000,000.

Orders already placed since the beginning of the war include £5,000,000 for supplies and defence projects in Canada, £1,000,000,000 for supplies from Britain and £2,000,000 worth of aeroplanes from the United States. Some £6,000,000 per day now being spent on the war, though greater than the daily expenditure in the later years of the last war, represents materially a smaller fraction of national income.

BRITAIN'S CAPACITY

Mr. Colin Clary, Government statistician of Queensland and the well-known authority on national income, estimates that Great Britain devoted 60 per cent. of her currently produced national income to war purposes in 1918 whereas to-day it may not exceed 40 per cent.

He also estimates that the present production of British industry is about half as much again as in 1918.

Thus it is clear that six millions a day does not represent the maximum effort of which this country is economically capable whereas Germany has "already martialled practically her full economic reserves and cannot make a greater effort."—Reuter.

RECRUITING FROM INDIA

DELHI, TO-DAY.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR, EUROPEAN RESIDENTS OF INDIA BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 50 HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM LEAVING THE COUNTRY, SAVE FOR VERY IMPORTANT REASONS.

This was in order to guard against any great loss of man-power.

The restrictions have now been relaxed and special permits will be granted to men over 35 years of age.

Permits will be granted to those bound for the United Kingdom, the Dominions and the Colonies, but permits for other countries, particularly for men under 35, will continue to be granted very sparingly. — Reuter.

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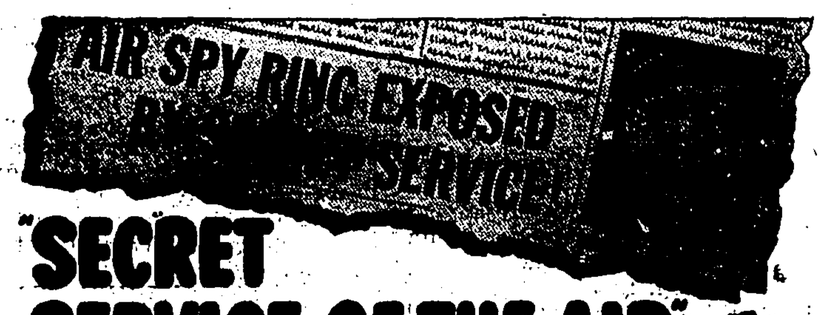

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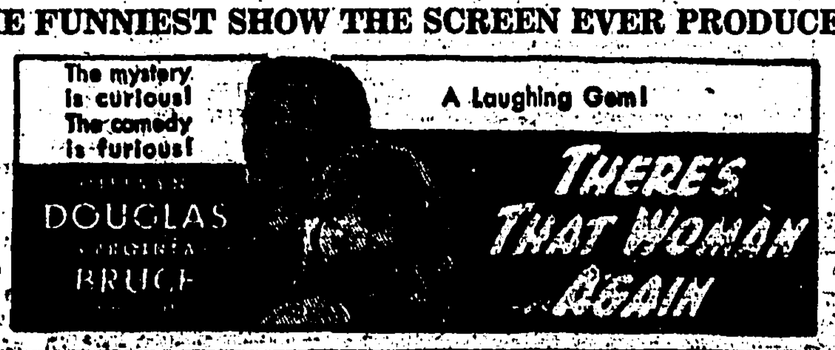

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IN PARLIAMENT

SECRET SESSION PROBABLE

London, To-day.

It is now probable that the Government will accede to the desire of the two opposition parties for a secret session within the next few weeks, Reuter's Lobby correspondent learns.

The Opposition parties have made it clear that their wish is confined to the question of the machinery of supplies for the fighting services.

Naturally non-Government parties receive allegations and complaints from the industrial side which they are disinclined to ventilate publicly lest the allegations prove unfounded.

If a secret session is held no record of the proceedings will exist and even official reporters will be excluded as in the last war.—Reuter.

NO NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

No Nobel Peace Prize will be awarded this year.

In 1938, the prize was given to the Nansen International Office for Refugees at Geneva.

Among those mentioned as possible choices for this year's prize have been mentioned President Roosevelt, Mr. Cordell Hull, Mr. Neville Chamberlain — and Adolf Hitler! — Havas.

LOSSES UNDER THE NEUTRALITY ACT

Washington, To-day.

High Democratic leaders have begun the formulation of legislation designed to compensate ships of the U.S. Merchant Marine for losses under the new Neutrality Law.

When finally formulated, the legislation will be introduced into the Senate. — Reuter.

GERMANY TRADE DRIVE IN BELGRADE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The "Petit Parisien" carries a report from Belgrade to the effect that a large limited company, with German capital, has been formed.

It is mainly concerned with the development of cotton growing and also other agricultural products and mining.

Germany is planning an intensification of cotton growing, particularly in the six Serb provinces.

According to an arrangement last Spring, the Reich is willing to buy Yugoslavia's entnre output.—Havas.

BRITON KILLED IN S.S. KIANGSU

A young mercantile marine officer, Mr. C. G. Rigby, second officer of the s.s. Kiangsu, was killed during the night in circumstances which have not yet been determined.

He was found, dead, in the bottom of No. 2 hold of the Kiangsu at Taikoo Dock, having obviously fallen from the deck.

He was only 27 years of age and had been with Messrs. Butterfield and Swire for just over twelve months. It is understood that he was a native of Milford Haven.

No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

SHANGHAI TRAIN DERAILED

Chungking, To-day.

A Shanghai-bound train on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway was derailed between Kienchiao and Linping, on Saturday owing to sabotage. Between 40 and 50 were killed and injured.—Central News.

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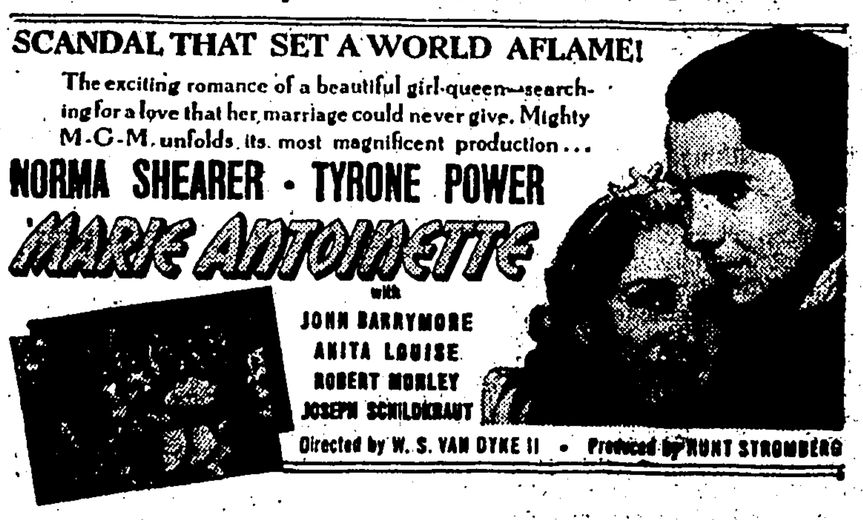

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SPAARNDAM STILL AFLOAT HOURS AFTER STRIKING MINE: BUT CATCHES FIRE

London, To-day.

AN OUTBREAK OF FIRE aboard the Dutch passenger liner, Spaarndam, of 8,857 tons, which struck a mine in the Thames Estuary yesterday afternoon, and was believed to have sunk, revealed, shortly after midnight, that the vessel was still afloat.

The liner, which was bound for Rotterdam from South America, had been completely abandoned, with the loss of life of four members of the crew and a woman passenger.

Three of the victims were drowned when they were thrown into the sea and the other two were killed by the explosion of the mine.

The explosion occurred in the the early afternoon and when the lifeboats from shore reached her, the Spaarndam seemed likely to sink at any moment.

BLAZING FURIOUSLY

Just before midnight, fire broke out on board, and she is now blazing furiously off the Thames Estuary in full view of people lining the shore.

She appears to be down heavily by the head, but her bulkheads aft appear to be holding, accounting for the fact that she has remained afloat so long.—Reuter.

SWISS STEAMER STRIKES MINE

Berlin, To-day.

The German newspapers assert that a Swiss steamer named Helena has been sunk by a mine in the English Channel.

It is believed here that the ship referred to is the Helene Kulukundis, of 5,548 tons, which was one of nine ships chartered by the Swiss Transport Office from a Greek shipping firm for the duration of the war.

The ship was bound from the United States with a cargo of cereals. — Reuter.

U.S. BID FOR S. AMERICAN MARKETS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The Pan-American financial and economic conference has agreed to the creation of a Pan-American Bank which will act as a clearing house for financial transactions between American States, operating something on the lines of the Bank of International Settlements.

The headquarters will be in New York and the American dollar will be adopted as the basic currency.

There will be twenty-one members of the Board of the Bank, one from each of the member countries. — Havas.

LOCAL INFANTRY ENGAGEMENT

Paris, To-day.

A communique states that there was a local infantry and artillery engagement during yesterday morning to the east of Moselle; otherwise there was nothing to report.—Reuter.

HYDERABAD FIGHTER SQUADRON

London, To-day.

The new fighter squadron of the R.A.F., to which the Nizam of Hyderabad contributed £100,000, has now been formed. Its pilots will be drawn from Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.—Reuter.

NANNING'S FALL OFFICIALLY ADMITTED

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

NANNING — GATEWAY and ancient capital of Kwangsi — was occupied by the Japanese yesterday, according to official Chinese despatches received last night.

Fighting an effective rear-guard action, in spite of the numerous Japanese aircraft overhead, the majority of the Chinese troops left behind to engage the invading forces, successfully withdrew to prepared positions, north of the city.

A number of Chinese soldiers—"suicide squads—were last night reported in Nanning engaged in street-fighting and sniping.

It is estimated that in the battle around Nanning alone, the Japanese lost some 2,000 men. The casualties suffered by the Chinese have yet not been established.

Most of the Chinese casualties were caused by Japanese aircraft.

Meanwhile, Chinese guerillas are reported very active in areas between Nanning and Yamchowfu. Japanese supplies along the Nanning-Yamchow route are being constantly ambushed.—Our Own Correspondent.

KWANGSI LEADERS CONTENT

Kwelin, To-day.

Chinese military circles predict major operations in the Watkiang River valley.

They are not at all perturbed by the rapid Japanese advance. It is pointed out that the Japanese occupy a corridor about 100 kilometres in length, stretching from the seacoast to the Watkiang valley, hemmed in by the Sap Men Tai Shan and Ku Low Shan ranges with the Watkiang River at one end.

The Japanese along this line are exposed to attack from three sides. All resources and highways are destroyed.

All regular and militia units in Kwangsi have been mobilised.—Central News.

"THE LION HAS WINGS"

"The Lion Has Wings" is the most exciting and inspiring film to arrive since the war began. Alexander Korda's epic of the Royal Air Force is true, human, amusing and revealing; it will thrill you with pride, writes a Home film critic.

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HONG KONG HOTEL ROOM THEFT

Police are investigating the report of the loss of $550 by a resident of the Hong Kong Hotel. The victim was Mr. Brandel, residing in Room 207, and he has informed the police that the money was taken from his room between 7 and 10 p.m. on Sunday.

SEVEN DIE IN WEST POINT FIRE

Seven people perished in the disasterous fire at West Point early yesterday morning, and six were seriously injured, according to the latest investigations.

The body of a young girl was found in the debris yesterday afternoon.

Four are still missing, and may have been trapped and burned to death.

They include a 51-year-old man, a 25-year-old woman, and two boys, aged 11 and 13 years, respectively.

PREMIER'S BROADCAST APPROVED IN AMERICA

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Cordell-Hull in a formal statement said that he was gratified but not surprised at Mr. Chamberlain's speech in which he said that increased trade is prerequisite of lasting peace in Europe.

Mr. Cordell Hull hoped that when the time came these economic ideas would be given broad and effective application.

Mr. Cordell Hull specifically endorsed Mr. Chamberlain's statement that only by increased inter-change of goods and services can the standard of living be improved.

He indicated strongly for the first time that he would insist on the re-enactment of the Trade Agreements Act on its expiry in 1940 which programme had been carried out in the conviction that it was essential to bring back the balance of American agriculture to industry.—Reuter.

BELGIAN DEFENCE PRECAUTION

Brussels, To-day.

On Sunday night, the Belgian authorities again commandeered motor buses and army leave was cancelled.

The Minister for National Defence says that the commandeering of the buses was only for the one day.

There is no confirmation of a Paris report that German troops have been moving about in the Aix-la-Chappelle (Aachen) region close to the Belgian frontier.—Reuter.

CAPTURE OF GERMAN SHIP

London, To-day.

In connection with the capture of the German merchantman Konsul Henrik Fisser by a British warship, this ship should not be confused with the Berta Fisser which, as already reported, broke up on the Iceland coast after being attacked by a British warship.—Reuter.

Rawalpindi Sunk By Deutschland Off Iceland

GALLANT FIGHT AGAINST ODDS

NAVY REVEALS MOST DRAMATIC ACTION OF WAR

London, To-day.

IT IS NOW REVEALED that H.M.S. Rawalpindi, the converted P. and O. merchant cruiser, was sunk, in one of the most dramatic actions of the war, by the German pocket-battleship "Deutschland."

Hopelessly out-gunned and manoeuvred, the officers and men of the Rawalpindi put up a most gallant fight against the overwhelming odds, and went down with her colours flying.

Every gun aboard the Rawalpindi was put out of action and the whole ship was ablaze by the time the Deutschland, and a companion ship which joined in the action, ceased fire.

It is now believed that thirty or forty men of the Rawalpindi in addition to those previously announced as saved, were picked up by one of the German vessels and taken prisoners of war.

An Admiralty statement reveals that the Deutschland attacked the Rawalpindi when it was forming part of the North Sea patrol by which the contraband control of German trade is enforced.

At 3.30 p.m. the Rawalpindi, when cruising to the south-east of Iceland sighted an enemy ship.

Capt. Kennedy having examined the vessel through his glasses, said: "It's the Deutschland all right" and the crew were immediately ordered to action stations.

The course was altered to bring the enemy on the starboard quarter.

ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

Smokefloats were lit and cast into the water to enable the Rawalpindi to escape. A second enemy ship, however, was soon seen to starboard.

The Deutschland approaching signalled to the Rawalpindi to stop and when she continued on her course fired a shot across her bows.

As this warning was rejected the first salvo was fired by the Deutschland's 11-inch guns at 3.45 p.m. at a range of 10,000 yards.

The Rawalpindi replied with all her four starboard 6-inch guns.

LIGHTS OUT

The third salvo from the Deutschland extinguished all lights and broke the electric winches of the ammunition supply. The fourth salvo shot away the whole of the bridge and wireless room.

Both German ships were now closing rapidly and by this time the second ship had gone round the Rawalpindi's stern and was firing from the port side.

The Rawalpindi maintained the fight until every gun was put out of action and the whole ship ablaze except the forecastle and poop.

After about 30 or 40 minutes of this unequal combat the enemy ceased firing and the three boats not shattered by shellfire, one of which became water-logged, were lowered. It is believed that two of these boats containing 30 men were picked up by one of the German ships.

CHITRAL RESCUE

Eleven survivors were brought in by the P. and O. liner Chitral. They had swum to the waterlogged lifeboat and would probably have been picked up but for the fact that at about 6.15 p.m. the approach of a British cruiser caused the enemy immediately to withdraw.

The Rawalpindi continued to burn amidships until 8 p.m. when she turned turtle to starboard and foundered with all remaining hands.

RAIDERS ESCAPE

Meanwhile the British cruiser attempted to shadow the German ships but in a heavy rainstorm and the darkness of the night they escaped from the scene.

It is added that the Rawalpindi made a most gallant fight against overwhelming odds and went down with colours flying.—Reuter.

ARDUOUS DUTIES

London, To-day.

The duty on which the Rawalpindi was engaged is particularly arduous on account of the long dark nights and severe cold, and it required, for its performance, large vessels of good sea-keeping qualities, capable of enduring frequent storms.

The account of the battle is given from the narratives of the 11 survivors picked up from a waterlogged boat by the Chitral and is, of course, subject to correction in details.

It is, however, sufficient to show that the Rawalpindi made a most gallant fight.

The search for the two enemy warships is continuing in tempestuous weather, both by night and in the brief hours of daylight. — British Wireless.

MANNED BY RESERVISTS

London, To-day.

It is officially stated that the Rawalpindi was manned by merchant seamen, reservists of the Navy, and men of the Naval Reserve and Naval Volunteer Reserve. — Reuter.

SWEDISH PROTEST TO GERMANY

Stockholm, To-day.

The Government has protested to Germany against the latter's action in laying mines inside Sweden's four-mile zone and the right to claim indemnity for losses, is reserved.—Reuter.

Before leaving for Capri to take a rest (under doctor's orders), Miss Gracie Fields made a farewell record at H.M.V. studios. She is here seen going over the script with Phil Cardew, the band leader.

OUTBURST AGAINST BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Signor Roberto Farinacci, State Minister and member of the Grand Fascist Council, is indulging in violent outbursts against Britain in his newspaper "Regime Fascista" on Britain's decision concerning Nazi exports, which he views as particularly serious.

The rope already draws tight, he says, and may well be torn under the strain.

In conclusion, the article describes Britain as "the enemy of mankind!"—Havas.

FULL STORY OF NAZI DECIMATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Basel, To-day.

Travellers from Prague are describing the ruthless Nazi execution of 120 Czech students on November 17.

Twelve hundred students of the Masaryk College were taken to Ruzyn airport and compelled to stand for several hours with their arms up-stretched. They were guarded by Nazi Storm Troopers.

Upon the arrival of an officer in the afternoon, one in every ten students was ordered to step out of the ranks.

All these were then placed against a wall and ruthlessly shot in full view of their comrades.

A Bulgarian student who protested had his arm broken by a rifle butt.

Following the execution, all the remaining students were taken to the dreaded Buchenwald Concentration Camp, near Weimar.—Havas.

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IMPORTANCE OF NEW MINE WAR EXAGGERATED: NEW COUNTER TO NEW TACTICS

London, To-day.

THE "DAILY EXPRESS" says that every war produces some new method and we are now going through one such patch.

In the last war, U-boats and gas made trouble for a time but counter-measures were soon in operation. Britain's seaports are still open and her ships are still coming in.

Commenting on the reaction to the British ban on German exports, the "Daily Mail" asks whether we should sit supinely in our island waiting for starvation.

The only alternative to stopping Nazi exports would be to retaliate by laying mines indiscriminately as the Nazis have—"but this we will never do."—Reuter.

ALARMISTS DISCREDITED

London, To-day.

Alarmist views on the mine-laying campaign are discredited because.

(1) Magnetic mines are nothing new. They were used in the last war and methods of dealing with them exist and are being developed with extraordinary rapidity.

(2) The western ports of Great Britain and France are entirely unaffected by the laying of mines.

NO CLOSURE

(3) Even eastern ports are affected in only minor degrees. As an example no eastern ports have been closed to shipping at any time since indiscriminate mine-laying started and during the period when shipping losses were at their height. A shipping convoy of considerable size steamed through the mined area and arrived at its destination without loss or damage.

(4) The Danish Board of Trade have proclaimed the existence of a "fairway" for the use of Scandinavian shipping from Skaagerak to the British coast thus indicating their intention to maintain exports with Great Britain as heretofore.

WAY OF REPRISAL

(5) The new methods of warfare used in violation of international law may score a preliminary success but always history shows that such success is short-lived and means are quickly discovered of combatting the new device.

Moreover the adoption of illegal methods are often a boomerang as witness Germany's use of poison gas in the last war. Some indication of the boomerang is seen in Britain's plan to place an embargo on German export by way of reprisal.—Reuter.

R.A.F. VISIT TO GERMAN NAVAL BASE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

CONCERNING THE R.A.F. RAIDS ON WILHELMSHAVEN AND HELIGOLAND A FEW DAYS AGO, THE AIR MINISTRY STATES THAT ONE PILOT FLEW SO LOW THAT HE WAS ABLE TO TAKE THE NAZIS BY SURPRISE AND GET HIS CAMERAS GOING BEFORE THE NAZIS OPENED FIRE.

Many valuable photographs were taken.

The weather was bad, ice formed on the wings, and there were low-flying clouds and electrical disturbances, making the return flight a difficult piece of navigation.

The 'planes met with intensive anti-aircraft fire over Wilhelmshaven, both from "pom poms" and from "flying onions," which burst in groups of red, blue and orange smoke. —Reuter.

ALLIED ECONOMIC COMBINE

Paris, To-day.

Official circles here stress that M. Monnet, chairman of the newly formed Allied Co-Ordination Committee, is not a French official nor a British official but an Allied official.

His appointment is the first of its kind. The Allied scheme for economic co-ordination is already being practically implemented, and this is declared to be a stinging reply to German propaganda alleging that the Allied co-operation is only "window dressing."

The appointment of a Frenchman is warmly welcomed as further proof of the unreserved confidence existing between the Allies.

It is described as "typically British fair play" to adopt a French chairman because the Committee functions in London.—Reuter.

SITTING IN LONDON
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The special co-ordinating Anglo-French committee, headed by M. Jean Monnet, is holding sittings in London and will be entrusted with controlling all Anglo-French purchases abroad.

Political circles here emphasize the speed with which the committee was formed—barely ten days after the first decision was reached by the Allied Supreme War Council in London.—Havas.

U.S. RELIEF SOCIETY FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS ANNOUNCED IN LONDON THAT IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN MEETING THE PROBLEM OF RELIEVING WAR DISTRESS IN BRITAIN AND FRANCE, TWO NEW UNITED STATES CORPORATIONS HAVE BEEN CREATED WITH THE OBJECT OF AFFORDING AMERICANS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RELIEF IN THE WAR AREAS.

A corporation working for relief in Britain is called the American Society for British Medical and Civilian Aid, and Mr. Winthrop Aldrich will be the President.

No money will be distributed in Britain as the funds, which are being raised by local committees from all classes all over the United States, will be converted into goods and distributed through the American Red Cross or through the Personal Service League, the allocation being decided in the States.

Supplies will only be sent to humanitarian organisations operating under private direction.

It is anticipated that if the civilian population suffers attack, the American Society will greatly expand its activities. — British Wireless.

SHIPPING LOSSES IN A 6-DAY PERIOD

London, To-day.

Between November 19 and 25, 11 British ships, totalling 25,787 tons; 2 French ships, totalling 3,000 tons; and 4 neutral ships, totalling 23,949 tons were sunk by German action.

Germany's laying of magnetic mines brought an appeal from the Admiralty for 200 trawlers. A far greater number of trawlers, complete with crews, have already volunteered and will be formed as a special part of the R.N.V.R., becoming known as the Trawler Reserve. — Reuter.

JAPAN AND TWO-WAY BLOCKADE

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

ASKED FOR A CLARIFICATION OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT THAT BRITAIN HAD PROMISED NOT TO INTERFERE WITH GERMAN EXPORTS ON NEUTRAL SHIPS, THE SPOKESMAN TOLD REUTER YESTERDAY THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD ISSUED A DECLARATION TO THIS EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 22.

In September, the spokesman said, the Japanese Embassy in London had forwarded to the British Ministry of Economic Warfare a questionnaire on various points regarding the British blockade.

"On September 22," the spokesman went on, "the Ministry of Economic Warfare informed the Japanese Embassy that the British authorities would not take any action, even in British territorial waters, against neutral ships carrying goods of German manufacture to neutral countries."

The spokesman added that he was not aware that Japan had carried out similar seizures during the Great War. — Reuter.

NAZI CONFESSION OF FAILURE

PARIS, TO-DAY.

A FRENCH MILITARY EXPERT COMMENTS THAT THE NAZIS WERE AT ONE TIME CONFIDENT OF THE SUCCESS OF THEIR U-BOAT AND AIR WARFARE.

The U-boat and air campaigns failed to come up to expectations and this explains the Nazi decision to intensify the mine warfare.

But the British found the necessary solution in the last war "and will do so again." — Reuter.

RATIONING SCHEME ANNOUNCEMENT

London, To-day.

It understood that the Minister of Food will announce in the Commons to-day, the date for the introduction of the rationing of bacon and ham and butter. — British Wireless.

GERMAN AIRMEN INTERNED

Zurich, To-day.

Three German airmen who fled into Switzerland from France have been interned.

When their 'plane was disabled, they took to their parachutes and landed in French territory close to the frontier. They fled across the border before they could be apprehended.—Reuter.

H.K. FOOD SUPPLIES FROM U.K.

It is now clear that the control of exports of essential foodstuffs from the United Kingdom is not to be left entirely to the authorities at Home. Each Colony is being asked to state its minimum requirements.

The Hong Kong Food Controller (Mr. W. J. Carrie) called a meeting of importers yesterday in the Urban Council Chamber to explain the scheme.

Orders from Hong Kong will not normally be fulfilled in the United Kingdom unless they have first been endorsed by the Food Controller, Hong Kong. The general aim is to secure that each part of the Empire receives its fair share of available supplies, at the same time interfering as little as possible with normal trade channels.

The meeting classified imports as follows:

(1) Confectionery and sweetmeats; (2) bacon, ham, smoked fish and fresh meats; (3) tinned milks, dried milk, malted milk and similar products, baby foods; (4) groceries generally; (5) feeding stuffs for cattle and horses.

1938 FIGURES REQUIRED

Importers are asked to report to the Food Controller the total of their importations under these heads for the year 1938, giving weights wherever possible. It is realised that for mixed groceries it will probably only be practicable to give values, which should be expressed in sterling, c.i.f. Full returns are particularly desired as, when collated, they will form the basis of the Colony's essential minimum requirements.

Returns are requested by the end of this week, addressed to the Food Controller, Post Office Building.

JUNK SUNK BY MINE

A fishing junk struck a submerged mine a mile off Swabue last Thursday and five of the crew of 25 were either killed by the explosion or drowned, according to a report made yesterday by Kwok Kin-cheung, 48, master of the ill-fated junk, No. 4019.

The survivors were picked up by a passing junk and brought to the Colony.

NORWAY TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS

Oslo, To-day.

It is understood that the Norwegian Government will make representations to London in connection with the latest measures of the Allies in pursuance of economic warfare. — Reuter.

KING'S SPEECH

London, To-day.

In accordance with custom on the eve of the opening of a new session of Parliament, the Prime Minister last evening received Junior Ministers who were made acquainted with the contents of the King's Speech.—British Wireless.

JAPAN'S PROTEST

Cannot Be Expected To Modify British Decision

ITALY PUTS IN A MILDER REPROACH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

ALTHOUGH BOTH JAPAN and Italy have protested against the new reprisal measures against Germany's export trade, the attitude of both countries is different.

Signor Bastianini, the Italian Ambassador, called on Lord Halifax and verbally communicated the desire that the new measures should not operate so as greatly to imperil Italian interests.

The Japanese Ambassador handed over a written note couched in the same terms as the note handed to the British Ambassador in Tokyo.

Well-informed circles in Tokyo point out that the control measures will seriously affect Japan, as she is importing from Germany industrial and war material.

BRITISH STANDPOINT

Although repercussions of the new situation on Anglo-Japanese relations are not yet seen, it pointed out here that:—

Firstly, the representations cannot be expected to modify British-French policy which was decided on after a careful examination as a necessary answer to the inhumane Nazi methods of warfare; and

Secondly, any decrease in the commercial exchanges between Japan and the British Empire would be greatly to the prejudice of Japan far more so than any interruption of her trade with Germany.—Havas.

FRENCH DECREE TO-DAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

The French decree for the seizure of German export goods will be published to-day, preceded by an explanation of the reasons prompting the British and French reprisals.

French consuls will simultaneously be instructed to inform neutral exports how the new regulations will apply. A few days delay will be granted before the new measures are enforced.

Consuls will issue certificates at places of origin, avoiding all delay to neutrals.—Havas.

RULE TO BE APPLIED VERY STRICTLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

Diplomatic circles declare that the order-in-Council against German export trade will be applied very strictly but in a manner to spare as much as possible neutral interests.

Delays may be granted and the free passage of goods on which payment has already been made to Germany will be allowed, as Germany has already derived the benefit from those specific exports.

It is pointed out that Germany will suffer from the new measure of trade control even more than in the last war, as neutrals will now sell to Germany only against a sound currency, whose only source of supply is Germany's export trade.

GERMAN CHALLENGE

Germany's apprehension at the new measure is shown by the violence of her reactions and threats against Britain, which, however, do not impress here.

The German challenge is gladly accepted. Naval circles would welcome a straight open fight—from which Germany has shrunk so far.—Havas.

PREMIER'S EUROPE TO-MORROW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain's broadcast was re-transmitted over the main American radio stations.

It favourably impressed opinion and the majority of politicians, who hail the definition of peace objectives stressed by Mr. Chamberlain as corresponding to those advocated by President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull, and supported by the majority of Americans — the right of self-administration for all peoples, economic co-operation through the liberalisation of international trade and disarmament.

On the other hand, Mr. Chamberlain's statement strengthened American confidence in the Allies' victory.

The press dwells lengthily on Mr. Chamberlain's statement on the future status of Europe.

NEW EUROPE

The "New York Herald Tribune" stresses that in "to-morrow's Europe disarmament will be possible through the elimination of the constant fear of aggression."

The paper concludes that a new Europe can only be created by a vast agreement of participation not only by the belligerents but also by the United States, whose actions should have a profound influence on the success of any settlement.—Havas.

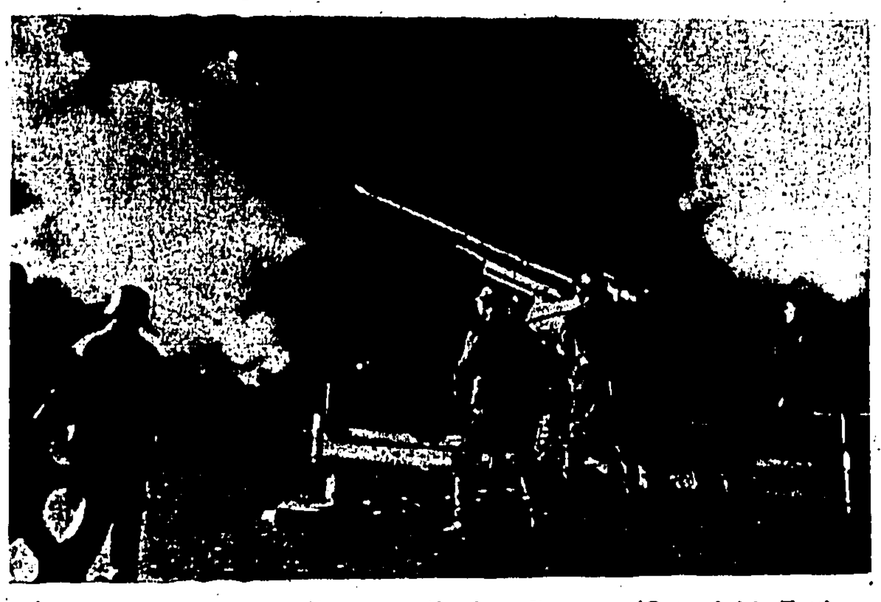
ROYSTON GRANGE SUNK

London, To-day.

The British steamer Royston Grange, of about 5,000 tons, has been sunk in the Atlantic; it is not yet known how she was sunk.

Her crew have all been rescued and were landed at a West Country port yesterday.

Fourteen British sailors were on board the Polish steamer Pilsudski (requisitioned by the British Navy), on their way to join another ship. The loss of this vessel through enemy action was reported yesterday.—Reuter.



Finnish troops manning an anti-aircraft gun. (Copyright, Fox).

NO PROTEST TO BRITAIN FROM U.S.

Washington, To-day.

Administration official have intimated that despite the pressure of the Isolationists they do not contemplate the lodging of any formal protest to Britain regarding the Orders-in-Council providing for the seizure of German exports.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, explained at a press conference that the United States, at the outbreak of war, made a "blanket reservation," covering all possible infringements of any neutral rights to which the country was entitled.

Mr. Hull declined to state, before the matter was fully studied, whether the new British policy would come under that reservation.

American imports from Germany have fallen to so low a level that competent trade circles are of opinion that complete stoppage would make very little difference. — Reuter.

LETTER FOR GERMANY

Sohan Lall Sethia, a Hindu jute merchant, of Lancia-road, Sutton, Surrey, was fined £50 at Lewes for having in his possession a letter for the purpose of conveying it to a destination outside the United Kingdom, other than by post, contrary to the Defence Regulations.

It was stated that a letter found in his brief case when Sethia arrived at Newhaven to embark for Dieppe was addressed to a firm in Hamburg. When charged, he said: "I forgot all about it."

In evidence, Sethia said the letter concerned business transacted before war broke out.

KING'S ROAD ACCIDENT

Mr. J. M. M. Alves, of No. 42, Macdonnell Road was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for driving without due care and caution.

Mr. C. D'Almada pleaded guilty on behalf of defendant.

Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke said Mr. Alves crashed into a Hong Kong Tramway lorry, parked on the north side of King's Road.

Mr. D'Almada said his client could not forget the incident for quite a time, owing to injuries to his face received in the accident. He suggested that a caution would meet the case.

Defendant was fined $25.

'COLD SNAP' EASES

The "cold snap" has eased somewhat for although the maximum temperature recorded yesterday was 63 degrees, the mercury did not fall below 60 degrees during the night and at 10 a.m. to-day had risen to 66 degrees.

The barometer was high at 30.17 inches.

The Royal Observatory report states that a ridge of high pressure extends from the Yangtse Valley to the Bonins. Pressure remains relatively low between the Visayas and the Caroline Islands.

OUT FOR RECORD DISPITE U-BOATS

"We are not letting U-boats interfere with our sea travel. We are out for an Atlantic record," said 76-year-old William A. Williams, retired general merchant, of Montreal, when he sailed with his wife from a British port for Canada.

"I have crossed the Atlantic 135 times," he said, "and my wife 53 times, and we have not done yet. You can tell the U-boats that."

In the same ship was Mr. O. H. Williams, a commercial traveller, of Toronto, who, at the age of 56, claims to have crossed the Atlantic 103 times.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

NEIGHBOURS' OPINIONS

Naturally the British and French think they are in the right. Probably few Germans would admit that Germany is not in the right. Wars are made up of two sides fighting "defensively," and both supposedly for justice. People in neutral countries grow ever more wary of accepting the interpretations of belligerents. But for light on the present struggle in Europe, citizens of distant States can trun to the opinions of observers in nearby neutral States as one test of the claims and counterclaims of the belligerents.

An Antwerp paper carries a letter signed by Belgian writers which states the vast majority of Belgians have taken sides in the war "which the spirit of aggression of Hitler Germany has imposed" on Europe. Belgians, these writers say, hope to keep clear of the conflict but are "at heart in accord with the high reasons of international justice and final European pacification which have inspired the action of Great Britain and France."

Transport workers in Holland are reported as "standing by" democracy. Norwegian workers see in National Socialism a source of "suppression of the labour movement, of democracy and of civilization." Swedish workers speak of the "sacrifices" their democratic brothers are making on their behalf.

The Swiss guard carefully all statements which might bring their neutrality into question but state they are ready to defend their independence. This, like the independence of other small European States, is certainly not menaced by the Allies.

Possibly the views of the people in small neutral States would make an effective addition to the campaign of pamphleteering which Britain has been carrying on in Germany from the air. "If you can't take our word for it, listen to that of your nearer neighbours," a new pamphlet might begin.—"Christian Science Monitor."

NATURALISED DACHSHUND

May I, through your columns, appeal to caricaturists and humorous writers to suspend the practice of making the dachshund a symbol of Nazidom or of the German nation. Absurd as it may seem, the prevalence of this idea in the popular imagination has produced a real risk of thoughtless acts of cruelty being committed against harmless little animals which are English by birth and often by generations of breeding.—From a letter to "The Times," London.

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POLICE POWERS FOR THE LEAGUE

Whatever diplomacy the United States shall adopt with reference to the war, its influence in solving the world problem of peace will be enhanced to a dominating degree, if it promises an ultimate adherence to the League of Nations and the Permanent Court of International Justice without reservation, which it can safely do if the League and the Court are supplemented by an International Police to enforce international law.

Pending a termination of the existing war, the United States might well propose to follow the Declaration of Lima by organising a League of American Nations and revising and enlarging the Central American Court of Justice of 1908 to 1918 as an American Court of International Justice, with an International Police to enforce international law in the American hemisphere.

Such a leadership might suggest a similar procedure on the part of the neutral European nations which have already had one conference at Brussels upon call of the King of Belgium, for the purpose of co-ordinating their defensive activities.—Canton (Ohio) Repository.

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TIMELY WARNING

Student bodies at Princeton, Rutgers, Cornell and, no doubt, many other American institutions of higher learning, have been warned, at the outset of the new college year, against the pitfalls of foreign propaganda. And it is undeniably encouraging to know that this state of intellectual awareness prevails.

It is not too much to expect that the American campus shall be a centre of that open-minded penetration which alone can save the nation from being plunged into another morass of emotionalized hysteria.—Times-Advertiser, Trenton, N. J.

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ON CONDEMNING

It may be trite, but certainly it is valid to point out that while one may deplore Naziism and reprehend the acts of Hitler and his zealous supporters, it is going far beyond the bounds of reason to hate every German.

We may disagree emphatically with the President's policies and, for that matter, his whole philosophy of government. Many people do. But if we are broad-gauged citizens we should be fair enough to credit him with earnestness of purpose and the accomplishment of some things, at least, that have been of benefit to the country.

Is it reasonable, is it even good common sense, is it something to be proud of—is it not rather a thing of which to be ashamed—that an increasing number of intelligent people should condemn other human beings in the mass because of their political, principles, or their race, or their religion, or—God help them!—their poverty? —Philadelphia Inquirer.

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SCHOOLS AND DEMOCRACY

Though a part of government and rooted deep in the esteem of the citizens who support the government, the schools are in a sense outside the government. While the schools are subject to control by government—mainly local and State government—the people of all political parties need always to understand that in a democracy the schools must be free to educate. Any time that the schools, including the colleges and universities, feel restraint on their freedom exerted by the political leaders in power or by any pressure group, the torch which the schools are expected to hold aloft to light the way of democracy is dimmed.—Paul V. McNutt.

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SENTIMENT MAY GROW

In all probability, if we did not repeal the fictitious distinction of the "arms embargo" now we should be facing in a few months or even weeks such a growing sentiment for doing it that nothing could stop the change, in conditions then far more calculated to make it an act of anger and therefore of provocation.—Des Moines (Iowa) Register.

Finland's Reply To Soviet Demands: Ready To Withdraw

IF SOVIET ARE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW ALSO

Helsinki, To-day.

M. ERKKO, FINNISH Foreign Minister, re-affirms that the Finnish frontier is, and has been, quiet and that the Finns are doing nothing to disturb this state of affairs.

The Finnish Government was to meet yesterday to discuss the Soviet demands in connection with the alleged incident and is expected to forward a formal reply immediately.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

FINLAND HAS AGREED to withdraw her troops 25 kilometres from the Soviet frontier if the Soviet troops are withdrawn a similar distance, according to a Helsinki dispatch.—Reuter.

Finnish infantry moving up to attack under cover of a smoke screen. (Copyright, Fox).

Finnish soldiers are used to Arctic conditions. Their clothing is not only warm—being white it acts as camouflage. (Copyright, Fox).

GERMAN BACKING OF RUSSIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Paris press widely comments on the renewed Soviet outbreak resulting from the alleged frontier incident.

"Pertinax," writing in "L'Ordre," stresses that Finland does not consider the Soviet note an ultimatum.

"They believe that the object behind the note is to obtain a resumption of the negotiations which were adjourned *sine die* on November 9 when, after six weeks of negotiations, the Russians and the Finns had nothing more to tell each other.

"If the Finns now accept the Soviet demand they will be placing themselves at Stalin's mercy."

GERMANY'S PART

Examining the Reich's attitude, he says:—"Germany hardly attempts to hide her assistance to the Soviet. Hitler does not hesitate to offer Russia the recuperation of her former frontiers and at present tries to bring about this territorial change, hoping for Russia's gratitude." —Havas.

GERMANY MOVES IN MOSCOW

Stockholm, To-day.

Germany is reported to have made demarches to Soviet Russia and Finland recommending an early settlement of the questions at issue between them.

It is considered here that that Finnish reply to the Soviet note will probably request the Soviet to agree to an impartial investigation of the alleged shelling incident.

Despite the seriousness of the latest development, the Finns do not believe that peace is immediately threatened. It is emphasised that the Soviet note did not form an ultimatum and did not contain a time-limit.

The Finnish Command insists that no shot was fired from the Finnish side of the frontier and is thought that probably Russian guns were responsible but that the Russians believed in good faith that the Finns were responsible.

SPY SCARE

Uneasiness has been caused in Helsinki by reports that a number of persons have been arrested following the discovery of an extensive spy organisation.

According to the "Afton Bladet" correspondent, at least one Finnish officer was involved. — Reuter.

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish reply to the Soviet note which was delivered in Moscow last night states that careful investigations have shown that no shot was fired from the Finnish side of the frontier, but that seven cannon shots were heard from the Soviet side.

The Finnish Government is prepared to appoint a joint committee to investigate the Soviet charges and is willing to discuss the possibility of withdrawing its troops 12 miles from the frontier—provided the Soviet is prepared to adopt similar measures.

The Finnish Government notes with satisfaction that the Soviet does not want to exaggerate the importance of the incident and concludes:—

"Finland is pleased to have been able to remove the misunderstanding on the day following the receipt of the Soviet note."—Reuter.

RUSSIAN PRESS BEING WORKED INTO FRENZY

Moscow, To-day.

The Russian press in being worked up into a frenzy over the alleged killing of four Russian soldiers by Finnish practice artillery fire. Despite the flat Finnish denial that any such incident occurred, the Soviet press has begun a new campaign of threats.

The Soviet press goes into a hysterical denunciation of the Finnish Government.

PROTEST MEETINGS

Russian workers' groups are being organized into protest meetings, one meeting passing a resolution demanding the withdrawal of Finnish troops from the important fortified area of Karelia—which was the subject one of the original Soviet demands on Finland.

Other meetings re-echo the old Nazi cry of their patience being exhausted. —Reuter.

PORTUGUESE MISSION IN LONDON

London, To-day.

His Majesty's Government entertained a Portuguese Military Mission at luncheon yesterday. Mr. Hore-Belisha, the War Secretary, presided. —British Wireless.

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HINDU-MOSLEM RIOTS IN SUKKUR

London, To-day.

ACCORDING TO A statement on the recent Hindu-Moslem rioting at Sukkur, in the province of Sind, made public by the India Office, the communal tension, which has existed for some time there, has its origin in a group of old Government buildings known as the Manzilgah.

These buildings were claimed by the Moslems to be a mosque, a claim which the Hindus opposed.

The local authorities decided to take possession of the Manzilgah, ejecting the Moslem volunteers who had occupied the buildings.

This was effected by the police with little trouble.

There was no actual rioting at the Manzilgah and though the military were standing by, their assistance was not required.

The major trouble occurred in Sukkur City after the occupation of the Manzilgah. There were communal riots in which eleven were killed and others injured.

It was necessary to impose curfew, but after a calm night there was renewal of fighting with further casualties and the arrival of additional troops resulted in considerable improvement in the situation.

ASSAULT AND ARSON

Stray cases of assault and arson continued but there was no massed conflict with the police. Troops were used only as patrols and did not come into conflict with the crowds.

By November 2, the position in Sukkur and the neighbouring towns of Shikapur and Rohri was apparently stabilised, but a new problem was presented by reports of looting and the murder of Hindus by organised gangs in the surrounding districts.

Steps were accordingly taken to reinforce the troops at Sukkur with the object of maintaining peace in the three towns mentioned, thus setting free the police for action in the districts.

MORE REASSURING

In addition to military reinforcements under a senior officer, the Premier and Home Minister left Karachi for Sukkur to get in touch with the Zamindars—the leading agriculturists—and aid in restoring confidence.

Hitherto, there have been no reports of trouble in other district of Sind and the latest report from Sukkur and the surrounding districts is more reassuring.

There are, however, indications of attempts to damage the railway at certain points. Only trifling damage is reported, but vigilance is being maintained by the authorities. — British Wireless.

"LAUGHING COP" KILLS MAYOR

New York, Nov. 16.

A laughing policeman shot dead his Mayor in the street at Long Beach, Long Island, to-day, then stopped a passing car, stepped in and chortled: "To the police station, please. I have just bumped off our dear Mayor."

When a lynch mob surged round the policeman shouting. "Hang him, hang him," he wise-cracked, thumbed his nose at them and shouted. "I'm glad I did it, you big bunch of saps."

He was husky Ivan Dooley. There was a fued between him and Mayor Louis Edwards, of Long Beach, the fashionable resort. Dooley had been suspected of compolicity in a murder and had been reduced in rank.

Mayor Edwards was walking to-day with a bodyguard led by Police-Sergeant James Walsh when Dooley stepped from a roadside police booth and fired.

The Mayor fell dead; Walsh fell critically wounded; and a passing postman was wounded.

When the crowd, led by a woman, rushed up ready to lynch him, Dooley kept on laughing and vise-cracking.

Police with drawn revolvers surrounded him to protect him, while others charged the mob and saved him from their vengeance.

Late to-night Dooley was moved to a secret gaol.

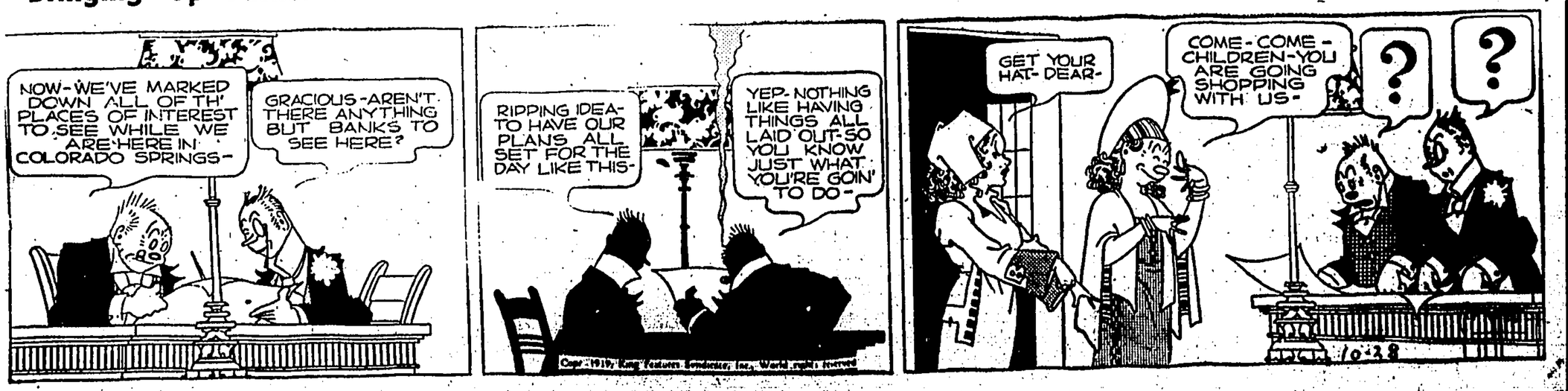
MR. KENNEDY CALLS ON PREMIER

London, To-day.

The United States Ambassador in London had conversations with the Prime Minister at No. 10, Downing Street yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Kennedy is returning to the United States for Christmas.—British Wireless.

Bringing Up Father — **By George McManus**



EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENCE IN MURDER TRIAL

THAT THE DEAD MAN was bellicose and would often attack his creditors, while accused was a good man who never had any trouble with his neighbours, was evidence given this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the case in which Tang Chui is charged with the murder of Leung Ki in Chinese Street.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Counsel, is conducting the case for the prosecution, while Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau, for the defence.

The following are the juniors:—Messrs. J. J. Cameron (foreman), H. Turner, H. L. Moors, T. A. Kuesher, S. M. Cruz, H. W. Pomeroy and Tien Tat-ming.

Yesterday, the Chief Justice commented on the methods of the Police, in detaining persons without preferring any charge against them, and said he wanted a full report. This morning, Mr. G. C. Perdue, Deputy Commissioner of Police, was in court.

Mr. Prentis expressed a desire to speak on this point so that equal publicity could be given to the Police side of the matter. Sir Atholl MacGregor said that he had received the report; it would be better to continue with the case. An opportunity would be given the Police later to state their case.

Li Hau-sing, the police sergeant who arrested accused, said he did not handcuff or give instructions for the other persons arrested to be handcuffed. He handcuffed accused because a lot of people were there and he was afraid accused might resist.

FROM INFORMER

Questioned by Mr. Chen, witness said that when he was sent to make an arrest, he would tell the suspect that he was being arrested on suspicion of an offence. He would name the offence and the place and then caution the person.

In the case of an assault, he would name the victim or, if he did not know, he would keep quiet.

In this case he did not know. He got all his facts from an informer. He asked the informer who the injured person was, but the informer did not tell him.

Before calling on accused to give evidence, Mr. Chen said the defence was that there had been a fight and that accused was struck first. He was in a corner and, being attacked, looked round. The first thing he saw was a chopper to defend himself and, rightly or wrongly, he wielded it about in defence. In the melee, deceased still tried to strike accused and the fatal blow was struck.

ACCUSED'S STORY

Accused, in the box, said he came to Hong Kong as a refugee and was now hawking fruit at the corner of Chinese Street.

He knew Chan Kam-on and Leung Ki. He owed Chan 50 cents but could not pay although he was asked for it twice before the incident.

On that day, from a peaceful conversation over the debt there came a quarrel. Leung scolded witness and threatened to drive him from Chinese Street. He walked away and Leung followed. Leung asked him if he was going to pay and witness told him to wait. Leung struck him with his fist and shouted to Chan Kam-on to strike. He looked for something to defend himself and saw the chopper, which he picked up. Chan ran away. Leung was looking very angry and began swinging his arms.

In the fight Leung fell down. He did not strike Leung after he had fallen, but ran away. He threw the chopper away. He had never been in a fight before.

In reply to Mr. Prentis, witness denied that Leung shouted "Save life" and ran away when he was attacked.

He denied that his story was a tissue of lies or that he hacked at Leung three or four times while he was lying on the ground.

Leung Mo, called for the defence, said accused lived at her place for two months. Later he could not afford to pay rent and gave up the bed space. But witness allowed him to go in and out and use the place for storing his wares. In her opinion he was a good man.

She also knew Leung-ki, who also lodged with her for a time. Leung had a scar on his head. She was told it was from a fight. Leung had lived in her place for four months. He was a fierce man. He attacked creditors to whom he owed money. He left her house because he could not pay the rent. When she asked for the rent he threatened her and hit her and damaged her finger.

"ROAD UP" SIGN ACCIDENT

FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT IN WHICH HE KNOCKED DOWN A CHINESE WOMAN AND INJURED BOTH HER ARMS, ON NOVEMBER 6, ON THE CORNER OF NATHAN ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD, MR. E. W. PERRY, OF ROYAL NAVAL DOCK YARD, WAS THIS MORNING ORDERED BY MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN TO PAY $8 COMPENSATION TO THE WOMAN.

The Magistrate, under the special circumstances, cautioned him on the summons for driving car without due care and caution.

Traffic Sergeant J. Scrim said that Mr. Perry made a sudden turn from Nathan Road into Austin Road at an alleged high speed. A P. W. D. "Road Up" sign was in the middle of Austin Road and, seeing this, Mr. Perry swerved to the right and knocked down the woman, his car colliding with the pavement.

Mr. Perry said he did not notice the 'sign' when he made the turning because it was about 15 feet from the corner.

A fine of $8 was imposed on Mr. E. S. Hansch, of No. 6, Lincoln Road, for speeding in Nathan Road.

Mr. Hansch was alleged to have overtaken Sgt. Scrim in the controlled area, accelerating to over 40 m.p.h.

STOLE TO PAY INSURANCE

A Chinese youth, Wong Wan Ngan, 20, who stole money on two occasions in order to pay his endowment policy at the Asia Life Insurance Company, was charged before Mr. E. Himsworth this morning.

He was the younger brother of an amah employed by Mr. S. J. Switland, of No. 15, Hankow Road.

About four weeks ago, according to Det.-Sgt. D. Davies, Mr. Switland found $100 missing from his desk and, suspecting the youth, warned him to keep away from the house.

On November 15, another $100 was missing from the same drawer. Mr. Switland then told the amah to tell her brother to return the money, or he would report to the police.

On Sunday the youth gave himself up.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

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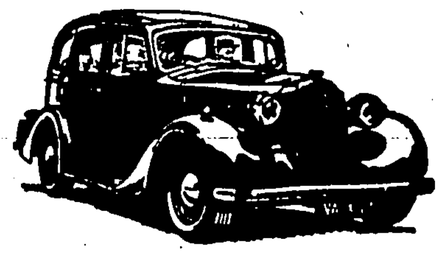

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EVEN IN TALK THIS TOWN HAS A CODE NAME

I have made a journey of many miles from the flat lands where the British troops scoop their watery trenches in the clay. I am writing now from a French city which is referred to, even in conversation, only by a code name, writes a correspondent with the B.E.F.

French military policemen with rifles hung over their shoulders control its traffic, for it is outside the British Army area.

But one British uniform is common here, the blue of the R.A.F., for this is the centre of the district from which operates the Air Force in France.

Outside the city are rolling downs and low hills with big stretches of woodland.

The downs are dotted with aerodromes, here one which is half buried in a wood and skilfully camouflaged, there another out in the open, relying for concealment only on its naked emptiness and the camouflage paint on the planes that are scattered about on it.

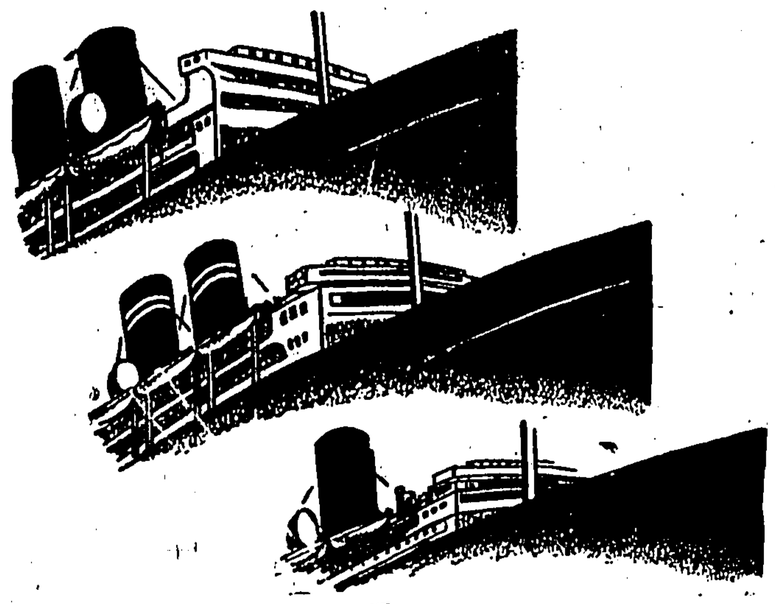
Few of the aerodromes have hangars or buildings of any sort. As a rule one sees only a big bare field and a few machines. The pilots and ground staffs are billeted near by.

I visited one such aerodrome on a high windly plateau so big that the movements of men and machines were lost on it.

TROPHY OF FIRST VICTORY

We drove away to the nearest village where the squadron mess is situated.

Hanging on the wall of the mess we saw a crumbly muddy sheet of steel on which one could see the remains of black and white paint pocked with bullet holes. It was a trophy of the squadron's first victory, a German reconnaissance 'plane shot down by one of the mess's pilots.



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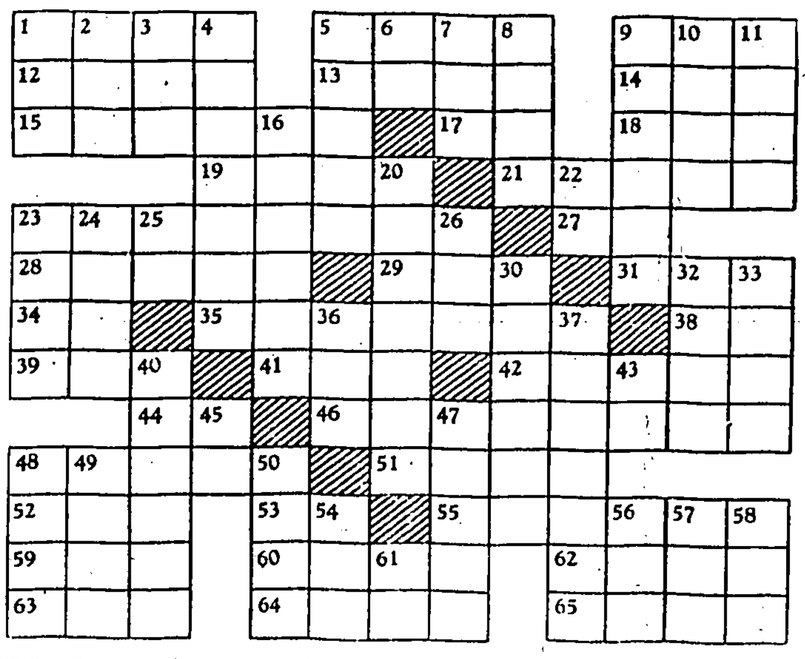

HORIZONTAL

1 Need
5 To desist
9 Salt
12 Chill
13 Hindu weight
14 Rumpus
15 Orders
17 Type measure
18 Reception
19 Decimals
21 To wear down
23 Outraged
27 In contact with
28 To shine brightly
29 To decompose
31 Myriad
34 Egyptian deity
35 Tastier
38 Month of Jewish year
39 To scan
41 Offspring
42 Ingenuous
44 Note of scale
46 Watch
48 In company
51 Female ruffs
52 Spinning toy
53 Prefix: "to"
55 Ascends
59 Poem
60 To raise
62 Ibsen heroine
63 Pertaining to "foot"
64 Wagers
65 Joyous

VERTICAL

1 To signal
2 To wither
3 Resident of a cloister
4 Seesaws
5 To tolerate
6 Toward
7 Palm leaf
8 Sharp attack
9 Fine clothes
10 Gulf between Arabia and Africa
11 Pack
16 Regenerates
20 More tranquil
22 Proposed language
23 Giant
24 To scold harshly
25 Fourth note of scale
26 Dowry
30 Frame for stretching
32 Overhanging roof
33 Son of Adam and Eve
36 Goddess of dawn
37 Increasing
40 Slipped away
43 Prefix: "not"
45 One
47 Approaches
48 At the highest point
49 Mineral deposit
50 To array
54 River in England
56 The sun
57 Epoch
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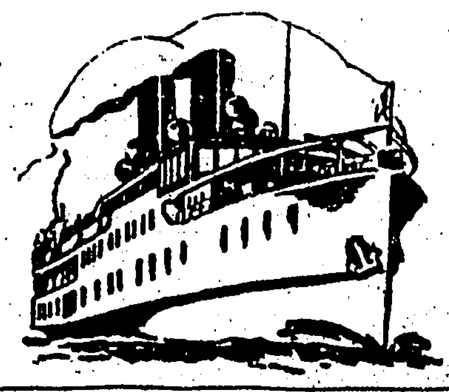

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"It is impossible," it says, "that either Mr. Thomas Bata or Dr. Jan Bata, director of the British company, has been arrested in Zlin, as they are not in Europe. They are at present in America, where they have been engaged on business for some considerable time."

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MORALS PERIL OF WAR YOUTH

Warnings against moral dangers associated with the calling up of young women for service in the various auxiliary forces at home and abroad have been drafted by the International Woman Suffrage Alliance.

The document refers to the issue, as in the last war, of "prophylactic packets" to the young men of the fighting forces, roundly condemns the practice, and sets its face against any system of "regulation" or "tolerated houses" behind the lines which may lead to the brutalising of morality during the war.

As chairman of the Equal Moral Standards Committee of the Alliance, Miss Alison Neilans, well known in Britain as an active social reform campaigner has appealed to her colleagues in all countries to inspire and encourage a high standard of true morality in the youth of both sexes, wherever they may be "called up."

"We must continue actively to oppose," she declares, "all theories or actions which tend to brutalise the sexual side of life in wartime.

"By instituting a system of regulations which aims at providing for men security and irresponsibility in vice, a State breaks down the basis of all morality. Tolerated houses mean the incitement to young men to indulge in dangerous and brutalsing sexuality."

With the calling up of women for national emergency service, Miss Neilans suggests that the Government should provide adequate means of healthy recreation in districts where the camps are situated.

"Opportunity must be provided," she says, "for the release of physical, mental and emotional tension, especially in leisure time. The physical is not quite so important as the psychological and emotional aspects.

BOREDOM DANGERS

"If young people are reduced to absolute boredom owing to lack of any interesting activity, or feel utterly lonely by being deprived of all contact with their friends and those they love and who love them, then mental control of one's actions tends to weaken.

"The two essential points are: (1) to give youth a genuine ideal on which to base their lives, and (2) to provide them with the necessary means of releasing in a right and decent way, their bodies, their minds and their emotions from the strain and boredom of loneliness."

Miss Neilans quotes Dr. Cavillon, Technical Inspector-General of the French Ministry of Health, who states:

"The main thing is that the young man should know the difference between love and desire; that he should be taught to respect himself and to respect women; that he should know that there are not two standards of morality—one for men and another for women—but one standard for both sexes, based on the same principle."

"What," asks Miss Neilans, "would be the moral effect on young women now serving in the various forces if the State provided them with 'prophylactic packets' containing contraceptives and alleged chemical safeguards against disease?

"It would lead," she concluded "in many instances to their demoralisation."

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P. B. Parks, H. H. Mundy, A. Jillott and Deakin (skip).

L. de Rome, Colonel Holt, M. N. Rakusen and A. Brooksbank (skip).

G. B. Foster, A. L. Fisher, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (skip).

Reserves:—A. R. Brown and J. H. Shaw.

ALI BABA AND THE FORTY COMPRADORES

This year's pantomime at the Y.M.C.A. is to be "Ali Baba" and over 60 performers will figure. Shows will be given on December 20, 21, 22, 23 and 26.

The production this year will be continuous throughout with the exception of one interval of 10 minutes between Parts I and II.

A full theatre orchestra will handle no less than 47 musical numbers, while Miss Daisy O'Keefe has trained the dancers for two speciality numbers.

JAPANESE SUFFER SEVERE SETBACK

Hingtsi, To-day.

The Japanese drive from Lishih and Liulin towards Chihkow, in west-Shansi, has ended in disastrous defeat.

With the arrival of reinforcements, the Chinese launched a vigorous counter-offensive, and routed the Japanese.—Central News.

CHARITY SUPPER DANCE PROPOSALS

The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club are holding a Charity Supper Dance and Cabaret at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday, December 14, in aid of Chinese Refugee Funds and British Local Emergency Funds.

A raffled and mah-jongg and bridge for non-dancers will be among the special features and an excellent cabaret show is being arranged.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

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THE MAYBRICK CASE

By VINCENT TOWNE

ONE man's poison is another man's meat. There is a so-called poison which is meat and liquor to me whenever I feel weak and depressed. I don't tell everybody and wouldn't tell you, only you mentioned arsenic. It is arsenic."

Had this confession of an arsenic-eater been related at the proper time, fate would have dealt differently with an American woman who was the chief actor in one of the most pitiful tragedies of modern times.

Mary Elizabeth Chandler was the daughter of a prosperous banker of Mobile, Alabama. Her father died when she was a year old, and after her mother's marriage to the Baron von Roques she divided her time between Europe and America.

At the age of 18, when a wholesome, vivacious girl, fond of outdoor sports, she married James Maybrick of Liverpool. During the second year of their marriage a son was born to them and, years later, a daughter.

Maybrick was 27 years older than his wife. For eight years, their married life was happy and contented. Then, of a sudden, they quarreled, Maybrick losing his temper so far as to blacken his wife's eye and attempt to turn her into the streets. The discovery of mutual intrigues is said to have been the cause of this infelicity. The young wife initiated divorce proceedings, but for the sake of the children became apparently reconciled to her husband.

A few weeks later, in the Spring of 1889, Maybrick was taken ill, and after several days he died. The family physician had treated him for dyspepsia, although it was constantly suggested to them by the patient's brother, Michael Maybrick, that poison was the cause of his illness. The discovery of more than 70 grains of arsenic in the house after the death led to an autopsy, which, however, revealed no arsenic in the stomach of any weighable traces of the poison in any other part of the body. But as a result of insistence by the Maybrick family, the body was exhumed three weeks later and about one-tenth of a grain of arsenic was found in the viscera. Although the smallest fatal dose of the drug on record is known to be two grains the widow of the dead man was arrested and imprisoned.

Her trial was a long one, and the family physicians swore that but for the discovery of arsenic on the premises they would have given a certificate of death from natural causes. The defendant's counsel proved that for 20 years Maybrick had been a confirmed arsenic-eater and that he daily took doses that would have killed a dozen ordinary men.

A Liverpool druggist testified that the dead man had lately been in the habit of calling several times a day at his shop to get doses of a tonic containing a large proportion of arsenic. One of the family doctors gave evidence that during the year prior to Maybrick's death his wife appealed to him to influence her husband against the habitual use of certain tonics and white powders which she believed to be doing him harm.

The Law Forbade Her Knowing When She Would be Hanged

But a circumstance brought out by the prosecution weighed against the defendant. This was the fact that she had bought flypaper containing arsenic which she had soaked out, confessedly for use as a face bleach.

Yet, if, as charged, she had previously purchased the 70 grains already on hand in the house why should she have openly manufactured more arsenic by soaking flypaper? Moreover, Mrs. Maybrick's innocence was indicated by the fact that she had been the first to give the alarm of her husband's illness, to send for his doctors, brothers and friends and to suggest that some drug was at the bottom of his illness. Before the physician's arrival she had administered to him a mustard emetic, which she would not have done had she desired the poison to take effect.

Sir Fitzjames Stephen, the presiding judge, for two days delivered to the jury a charge which in the beginning favoured the prisoner but which toward the end showed bias against her, and as a result the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, after being out only 38 minutes. Shortly afterward the judge wrote that out of 979 suits tried before him that of Mrs. Maybrick "was the only case in which there could be any doubt about the facts." After the trial her case threw him into a morbid state of brooding, which developed into madness from which he never recovered. The Liverpool Post previously hostile to Mrs. Maybrick, now recalled the famous trial in these words: "In fancy one still hears the distant fanfare of the trumpets as the judges with quaint pageantry pass down the hall and still the mind's eye sees the crimson-clad figure of the great mad judge as he sat down to try his last case. A tragedy indeed was played upon the bench no less than in the dock."

Justice Stephen sentenced Mrs. Maybrick to be hanged. After she had languished in the shadow of the scaffold for several weeks (the English law forbidding her to konw when the execution was to come), she was at last warned to prepare for death. But almost at the last moment her sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

After she had been imprisoned for 11 years, it was discovered that Lord Russell, Chief Justice of England, had before his death written to her a letter in which he said:

"I feel as strongly as I have felt from the first that you should never have been convicted, and this opinion I have very clearly expressed to Mr. Asquith, but, I am sorry to say, hitherto without effect.

By persistent diplomatic overtured, the United States Government pleaded for Mrs. Maybrick's pardon, but not until she had suffered in prison for 15 years was she finally released on "ticket of leave."

The confession quoted at the head of this article was made by Maybrick to Valentine Blake, son of a British knight and member of Parliament, but did not come to light until after Mrs. Maybrick's trial.

If it weren't for the little things in life half the fun of living would be blotted out.

A NEW OCCUPATION AT HOME

The exodus to the country, coupled with the rationing of petrol, has given rise to a new occupation on the part of women who have stayed in town. These began by doing various errands for friends marooned away from shops, and some of them have subsequently developed country shopping into a useful occupation. In some of the villages the shops have been totally unable to supply the needs of mothers and children who had no time to see to their winter wardrobes before they left the big towns. The nearest town is often small and in any case it also has difficulty in supplying the needs of such a large extra population, writes the "Manchester Guardian."

The woman shopper collects lists of the things needed by James, John, Susan, Emmie, and sets forth with several versions of them on her list, to buy where and how she can. She has to keep down expenses on a rising market and so she is not content to buy everything for one child or mother in one morning, but flits here and there, picking up the right thing where she can.

Rubbers may be found best in a basement floor. Ribbed stockings of a certain colour may not be found for several mornings, though other things can, such as rubber capes or hoods, all so necessary in the country and so difficult to get once one cannot get away from it.

There may be knitted dresses to buy for Jane, sweaters, cardigans to suit Tommy, knickerbockers to match Leonard's coat, warm gloves which have been forgotten in the hurry or out of which people have grown.

The woman shopper starts with a certain knowledge of the children whom she is clothing, but gradually she develops skill even for the unknown child, to say nothing of learning pretty well exactly where to go or, by telephoning in advance, saving herself unnecessary journeys.

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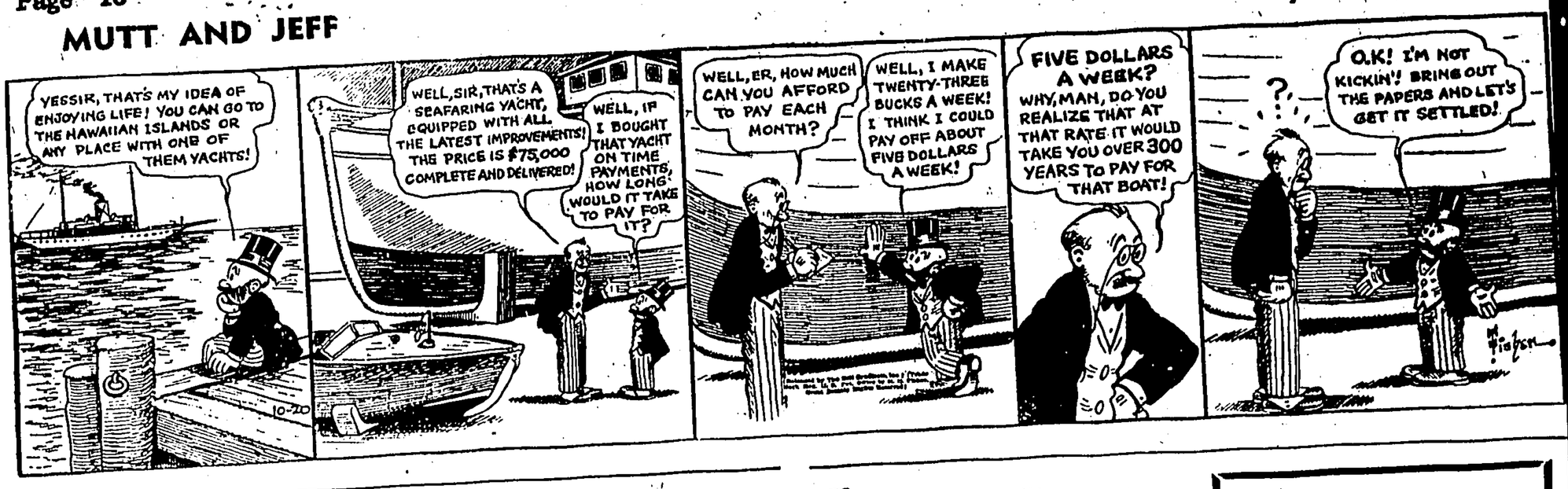

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.
The Crusader March (O'Donnell).....The B.B.C. Military Band.
Rolling Along (film 'Music Goes 'Round') ....Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
The Mill On The Rock—Overture (Reissiger—arr. Winterbottom).....The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.
The Air Pilot (Morrison & Others); Song Of The Thames (Mortimer & Murray) ....Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
Woodland Pictures—Rural Suite (Fletcher) ....The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band.
It's A Lovely War—Medley. Intro: Here We Are Again; Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts; Never Mind; Army of To-day's All Right; We Haven't Seen the Kaiser; Oh! Oh! Oh! Its a Lovely War; Who Were You With Last Night; All the Nice Girls Love a Sailor; Mademoiselle from Armentieres; When There isn't a Girl About....with Male Quartette.
"Lucky Break" — Selection (Archer & O'Keefe).....Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus.
"The Big Broadcast"—Selection....Debroy Somers Band with the Carlyle Cousins and Dan Donovan.
"What's Yours?"—A Convivial Medley. Intro: Come Landlors, fill the Flowing Bowl; Little Brown Jug; Barley Mow; Whiskey Johnny; Drinking; Here's to the Maiden; Down Among the Dead Men; There is a Tavern in the Town; Drink to Me Only; John Barleycorn; Simon the Cellarer; Here's to the Good old Beer; Old King Cole; Vive L'Amour; Vive La Compagnie;. Here's a Health Unto His Majesty; We Won't Go Home Till Morning; Auld Lang Syne....Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING—"D'Ye Ken John Peel?"
A Programme in Honour of the Famous Cumberland Huntsman. Written and Produced by William Maclurg.

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Moonlight On The Waterfall; The Little Boy That Santa Claus Forgot ....Billy Cotton & His Band.
Tango—Take Your Chance; Fox-Trot—Vieni...Vieni .... Heinz Huppertz & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—I Dream Of San Marino: Let Me Dream Of Havana....Ronnie Munro & His Dance Orchestra.
Waltz—The First Quarrel; Slow Fox-Trot —My Heart Will Never Sing Again..... Henry Jacques & His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—It Ain't Nobody's Biz'ness What I Do; I Don't Want To Make History (film 'Palm Springs')....Billy Cotton & His Band.
Fox-Trots—Good-night, Little Skipper; I've Got A Pocketful of Dreams (from 'Sing, you Sinners')....Brian Lawrance & His Orchestra.
Rumbas—Antillana; International ..... Lecuona Cuban Boys.
Fox-Trots—One In A While; Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen....Jack Harris & His Orch.
Tangos—Jealousy; Hear My Song, Violetta ....Robert Renard Dance Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Everything Stops for Tea (film 'Come out of the Pantry').....Mario "Harp" Lorenzi & His Rhythmics.

7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
You Can't Forbid A Flower; The Sleeves of My Jacket are Tied Up; My Sweetie Is Roaming About: How I Could Lament!; There Are Unkissed Lips; White and Red Roses; Little White Hollyhocks; Full Of Acacias Is Our Village.

7.14 p.m.—Strauss' Waltzes.
Acceleration—Waltz (arr. Hohne).....Orchestre Mascotte.
Wine, Women and Song....Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Tales From The Vienna Woods; Blue Danube.....Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Variety programme with George Van Dusen; Alice Faye; Quentin Maclean; The Vagabond Lover and Orchestra Mascotte.
Vocal—It's Party Time Again (Van Dusen)....George Van Dusen with Orch.
Vocal—Wake Up and Live (from the film); There's A Lull In My Life (from 'Wake Up and Live').....Alice Faye with Cy Feuer Orchestra.
Cinema Organ—Cinema Memories. Intro: These Songs from: Orphans of the Storm; Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse; Way Down East; Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall; La Rosita; Orphans of the Storm; Robin Hood; Charlie Chaplin's Theme; The Gold Rush; Way Down East; The Covered Wagon; What Price Glory; The Singing Fool....Quentin M. Maclean.
Vocal—Just A Vagabond Lover (Kester & Hill); As Long As Our Hearts Are Young (Kester & Hill)....The Vagabond Lover (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Orch.—Children of Spring—Waltz (Waldteufel)....Orchestra Mascotte.

8.30 p.m.—STUDIO—Two Piano Recital by Muriel Gubbay and Harry Ore.
1. Fugue in G Minor (Bach).
2. Gavotte in G Major (Mozart).
3. Caprice Brillante, Op. 22 (Mendelssohn).

9.50 p.m.—A Short Orchestral Programme.
Oberon Overture (Weber).....Sir Thomas Beecham cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
Scherzo (from "Quartet In E Minor"—Hendelssohn, Op. 44, No. 2).....Lener String Quartet.

9.05 p.m.—STUDIO — Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Cards on the Table".

9.45 p.m.—GERSHWIN—An American In Paris.
New Light Symphony Orchestra with George Gershwin.

10.03 p.m.—Songs by Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone).
Abroad The Windjammer—Medley of Sea Shanties. Intro: A-roving; Shenandoah; What shall we do with the drunken Sailor; Hullabaloo Balay; The Drummer and the Cook; Tom's gone to Hilo; Boney was a warrior....with Male Chorus and Accordeon.

10.12 p.m.—Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra.
My Hula Love—Medley March.
Kawaihau Waltz (Kealakai).
Colorado Sunset—Waltz (from the film).

12.23 p.m.—Dance Programme by Juan and His Orchestra and Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — "In England Now".

11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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A GRAND COUP

The Grand Coup, while not the most difficult, is certainly one of the prettiest plays in the game of Contract. This play arises when the opponent to Declarer's right holds a guarded trump honour and there are not enough trumps in dummy to allow for finessing. Hence Declarer must utilise the other suits in order to capture his opponent's trumps. Here is a fine illustration.

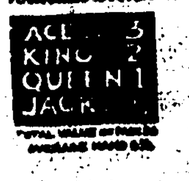
South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

	♠ 8 ♡ A K Q 9 3 ◇ A Q 4 2 ♣ Q J 5	
♠ b ♡ 10 7 6 4 ◇ K J 9 ♣ A 9 8 3 2	N W E S	♠ Q 7 4 3 ♡ J 8 2 ◇ 10 6 5 ♣ 10 7 6
	♠ A K J 10 9 6 2 ♡ 5 ◇ 8 7 3 ♣ K 4	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4◇	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♡	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Against six spades West opened the Ace of clubs and, although South dropped the King, continued the suit.



The spade eight was now led and finessed, dummy winning the trick. Declarer now trumped dummy's good club in his own hand, then laid down the spade Ace, only to find that East's Queen was guarded.

Refusing to give up, South led his only heart and cashed dummy's Ace and King, discarding a diamond. Declarer ruffed the third round of hearts, then finessed the Queen of diamonds in order to manufacture an additional entry to dummy. Next the fourth heart was led and South again trumped, East meanwhile discarding a diamond. Finally Declarer led his remaining diamond to dummy. At this point East held the Queen and one spade and South, having ruffed himself down three times, held only the King — Jack. And now the last heart was played from dummy. East was forced to trump. Declarer over-trumped and finally captured the Queen.

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Yesterday you were the dealer. What was your correct bid holding?

♠ A K J x
♡ J x
◇ A K x
♣ A K Q x

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two clubs. This hand does not meet the full requirements for an opening two-bid; nevertheless a one-bid is inadequate, and you should not open with two or three notrump with one suit unstopped.

Score 100% for two clubs, 70% for two spades, 60% for three notrump, 40% for one club, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 269

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and hold:

♠ K J 7 2
♡ J 2
◇ A Q 4 3
♣ 10 7 4

The bidding:

Burnstone	Jacoby	You	Maier
1♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SOFTBALL NOTES

Margaret Oliveira's Hitting

Three Mighty Homers Against The Cardinals

WILDCAT ERRORS COST THEM GAME WITH HONG KONG BALL GIRLS

"GRANDSTAND")

FEATURED BY MARGARET OLIVEIRA'S three Ruthian clouts and one homer each by Irene Pereira and Dingdong Lopes, Recreio femmes ran roughshod over the Cardinals for a 22-6 win in the Girls' Softball League.

Efegenia Babida did creditable work on the mound for the Cards although she allowed the Ramblerettes 21 hits. Most of these hits could have been fielded but the Redbird outfielders were a bit too slow on their dogs and misjudged several flies. Eleven boots by the Molthenmaids also helped the Ramblerettes pile up their imposing two-figure count.

The Portuguese gals miscued only seven times but they were not so costly. Steady hurling by flinger Anna Noronha baffled the opposition, allowing the Redbirds four measly bingles. Babida struck out eight and yielded no walks while Ann Noronha fanned none and walked none.

Only one double play of the game occurred in the fifth frame. Margaret Oliveira to Irene Pereira to Olga Ribeiro to nail Betty Longbottom and Naty Falladona.

					R.	H.	E.
Recreio	3	0	5	3 0 3	8	22	21	7
Cards	0	2	2	1 0 0	1	6	4	11

H.B. GIRLS DO THEIR STUFF!

Biggest upset in the Women's League was staged by Hong Kong Ball girls when they took Wildcats 9—3. Even the most optimistic Ball Club supporters never expected to see the Ball girls take Wildcats to town.

Eight Wildcat errors just about lost the game for them. The Leonardgirls miscued four times which is tops for them. Hits were evenly devided five apiece, but Wildcats clouted the longest blows. Lily "Sunshine" Mar belted two homers and May Chung rapped a stinging double.

Ball girls, who batted first, rallied in the first frame with four markers on four errors, a passed ball and a wildpitch with nary a hit. Wildcats replied with two tallies. Lily Mar homered to bring in sister Dot.

Ball girls came back with the stick in the second to garner three more runs on the same amount of hits.

From the second on it was all Ball girls. Wildcats only scored one more in the sixth when Lily Mar smacked her second homer of the day.

NANCY MAXWELL ONLY BRIGHT SPARK

I did not see the Panthers-Cubs tussle but according to Bill "Scoop" Smith, coach of the Cubs, his girls were worse than terrible to take a 26—10 beating in the hands of the Panthers.

According to Bill, Nancy Maxwell was the one and only spark-plug in the Cubs' team. She was particularly outstanding in the attack with her stick-work and base running.

Vivienne Churn, on the mound for the Cubs, was nicked for 14 hits while Celeste Marques, who toed the rubber for Panthers instead of Irene Tavares, did good work on the slab. She allowed six hits, struck out three and walked eight. Melvy Campos was the Big Bertha of the fray with two singles and a hefty homer in the last frame.

					R.	H.	E.
Panthers	0	7	1	1 5 0	2	26	14	4
Cubs	1	0	2	1 3 2	1	10	6	13

The nightcap saw Canadian Chinese girls run amuck to pile up a convincing 12 to 1 victory over the Pirates. The "Maple Leafs" played flawless ball without a miscue. Maudie Read pitched good ball for the Pirates striking out five and walking one, but 10 errors made by her fielders gave the game away.

PROFITABLE FIFTH INNING

The game was tightly fought for four innings. At the end of the fourth canto the score was 2—0 in favour of the Canucks. In the fifth Canadians staged a rally to add eight on six hits and three costly Buc's errors. The Pirates' only run was scored by Maudie Read in the last frame on a bingle and a sacrifice by Sinton.

Jean Lee took batting honours with a .750 average and Dot Loule's triple, and a double each by Rene Yuen, Ulian Khoo and Mabelle Loule were the longest hits of the encounter.

For the losers Maudie Read and L. Seats were the outstanding batters with two hits apiece in their three trips to the plate.

					R.	H.	E.
Canadian Chinese	0	2	0	0 8 1	1	12	10	0
Pirates	0	0	0	0 0 0	1	1	3	10

BASEBALL CLUB WIN YET AGAIN

(By "GRANDSTAND")

In the Men's League opener on Sunday, Liga Portuguesa surprisingly held their own against Mindanao to top a 5-3 tussle with the American bluejackets.

On the field, the Liga boys outplayed the sailors who miscued six times to Liga's three. With the willow wand, Mindanao hammered Tony Pereira for nine bingles while Shorty Davis allowed the Portuguese lads three safe blows.

Mindanao were first to score: in the second canto Poochie Chase and Bubbles Badrick crossed the plate after they got on on hits and were chased in by Red Tood, who singled to left field.

Liga answered with two tallies in the same frame, Ozorio and Santos scoring on four Mindanao errors. Liga took the lead in the third stanza when Gill tallied on a hit and two bobbles.

In the fourth, Mindanao jumped to the lead after Crooner Ruel and Red Todd scored on a hit and two Liga bobbles. Mindanao pushed across another marker in the sixth while Liga were held scoreless in the last four frames. Crooner Ruel took fielding honours by freezing four difficult flies. He also took batting honours with three hits in three trips. A neat double killing was pulled by Ruel and Paintpot Thomas in the seventh with Ozorio and Santos the victims.

							R.	H.	E.
Mindanao	0	2	0	2	0	1	0—5	9	6
Liga Portuguesa	0	2	1	0	0	0	0—3	3	3

A much-improved Hong Kong Baseball Club nine humbled Kenny Wong's English Forumers, 15-1. Forum played very loose ball and seemed to be in a stupor with 10 errors chalked up against them. They were so bad that even Doc Molthen stole home on them!

QUON YANKED

Bill Quon started on the rubber for Forum, but was yanked in the second after allowing seven runs on six hits. Lam took over the assignment but he too was hammered by the Walkermen for six blows and eight runs.

The Hongkongites were in front both on the field and with the hickory. They only chalked up three errors and with the exception of Red Bell and Freddie Barros, they all made hits. Three double plays were executed by the Walkermen. In the second, Dick Venezia to Stagg nailing Kitchell and Bill Quon; in the fifth, Freddie Barros to Pat Jorge to dispose of Bill Quon and Pang; and in the seventh, Barros to Venezia to Stagg to eliminate Pang and Loo.

Kitchell's lone tally in the last inning saved Forum from a shut-out. He reached first on a wild throw by Doc Molthen. He reached third on Pang's hit and then proceeded to steal home.

The Baseballers made 12 hits, Forum 4. Doc fanned 4 and walked one, and Quon and Lam fanned two and passed two.

							R.	H.	E.
H.K.B.B.C. ...	1	6	1	0	1	6	x—15	12	3
Forum C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—	1	4 10

LEAGUE STANDINGS

MEN'S LEAGUE

	W.	L.	PC.
Hong Kong Ball Club	5	0	1.000
Canadian Chinese	3	0	1.000
Recreio "A"	3	0	1.000
International A.C.	3	1	.750
Chung Hwa	2	1	.666
Recreio "B"	2	1	.666
Victoria Recreation Club ..	2	1	.666
Trojans	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseball Club	2	3	.400
Mindanao	2	3	.400
Liga Portuguesa	1	2	.333
Forum	1	3	.250
Central British	1	4	.200
Filipino Club	0	4	.000
No. 3 M.G.	0	4	.000

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

	W.	L.	PC.
Recreio	3	0	1.000
Canadian Chinese	2	0	1.000
Wildcats	2	1	.666
Wahoos	1	1	.500
Cardinals	1	2	.333
Hong Kong Ball Club	1	2	.333
Panthers	1	2	.333
Pirates	1	2	.333
Cubs	0	2	.000

SOFTBALL BATTLE AT FANLING

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Out at Fanling with the Volunteers last week a challenge by Sgt. Dave "Colonel" Walker of Field Ambulance was taken up by C.S.M. Porter of No. 3 M.G. with thirty bottles of beer as stake.

The fracas was limited to officers and N.C.O.'s of both units and the game was staged on a sun-baked paddy field near by as no other suitable ground was available.

The game started around 5 p.m. after the day's hard work, and in full uniform (hob nailed boots and all); the two units went at it hammer and tongs while the beer was cooling in the canteen.

After a struggle 3 M.G. finally emerged victorious 15-14. Cpl. Harold "Babyface" Winglee toed the rice stump for the Emma Gees with L/Cpl. Norman Mackay snatching behind the pillow with the poise of a veteran urged presumably by the cooling beer! Cpl. "Ozo" Ozorio was the other flinger with Sgt. Bob Leigh receiving to complete the Field Ambulance battery.

RIDE AND STOUT SHINE

Fielding gem for the machine gunners was Cpl. Willis at left field where he froze all flies off the Medics bats. For the vanquished Major Ride at the hot corner and Lt Stout at the centre cabbage patch showed real baseball ability and were responsible for most of their putouts. With the Willow wand Cpl. Norman Broadbridge was the big gun of the struggle knocking three homers in succession.

P.S. The beer was consumed at lightning speed!

THE TEAMS

No. 3 M.G.		Field Ambulance
Cpl. Harold Winglee	P	Cpl. "Ozo" Ozorio
L/Cpl. N. Mackay	C	Sgt. Bob Leigh
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Cpl. G. Roylance	2b	Sgt. Hanlon
L/Cpl. D. Hung	3b	Major Ride
C.S.M. Porter	SS	L/Cpl. Shillah
Cpl. D. J. Willis	lf	C.Q.M.S. Tiny Hume
Cpl. J. Mackay	cf	Lt. Stout
Cpl. N. Broadbridge	rf	Lt. Hardy-Scott

KAI TAK'S PLUCKY DISPLAY

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Harold Bidwell selected too strong a team to meet Kai Tak yesterday in a Rugby match on the Club ground, and the visitors went down by a goal and two tries (11 points) to nil after being 5—0 in arrears at the interval.

Carruthers and Cessford did not turn out for the winners, who brought in Thompson, who thus played for the first time since his bout of malaria, and Rutherford and made the necessary positional changes.

Bosanquet saw plenty of the ball on the wing and made use of his pace very well, though he is still inclined to run straight into his opponent. Van Leeuwen scored a nice try but was otherwise starved. These two, however, were the only Club players to exert themselves, the others bearing in mind that an injury would probably keep them out of Saturday's Triangular Tournament game against Army.

SIX OUTSIDE SCRUM

Kai Tak were handicapped by an injury to Cole, whose knee again gave trouble, and for quite a long spell they had only six men outside the scrum. A forward should have been taken out of the pack to fill the vacancy. Fortunately, no scoring occurred when Cole was off, and when he came back he tackled Bidwell with gusto, despite the fact he was always limping. Stewart did not seem to want the ball in the centre, and as a consequence Wright was the livewire of the attack, ably assisted by Wakefield. At forward, Bennett hooked well against a heavier pack and Gale, Gash and Hynes were prominent in the loose.

Bidwell missed an easy penalty goal, the ball hitting the post, but soon after **Bosanquet** went over in the corner for **Charter** to kick a good goal. In the second half **Van Leeuwen** touched down in the corner and **Bosanquet** scored between the posts, both tries being unconverted.

Mr. Bidwell's XV—Thompson; Bosanquet, Bidwell, Lavalle and Van Leeuwen; Charter and Rutherford; Bompas, Burford, Stout, Walkden, Needham, Nelson, Benn and Godfrey.

Kai Tak—Fowler; Cole, Wright, Stewart and Torry; Bidell and Wakefield; Stockholm, Bennett, Schirn, Smith, Hynes, Gash, Taylor and Gale.

C.C.C. TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday, commencing at 2.00 p.m.:—

1st XI (v. C. de R. Away):—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria A. R. H. Esmail A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail E. A. Lee, H. P. Lim, W. Hong Sling, G. Winch, J. L. Young Saye, Scorer: W. Broadbridge. Umpire: G. Ladd.

2nd XI (v. C. de R. Home):—B. R. Iranee (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, G. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, W. K. Way. Scorer: H. W. Randall.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

TO my mind the most pleasing week-end football result was the display of Kumaon Rifles, who shook the critics by taking a point from South China on Sunday.

It is not generally known that the Indians have only been playing football for about three seasons, and they have made wonderful strides during that space of time. True, their football does not always show the same finish and accuracy as other more experienced sides, but with their keenness and speed this is more than counter-balanced.

Lieutenant Tarr, their Captain, is deadly keen on the game and apparently has no trouble in finding recruits for the side. One is struck when watching the side by the way they play to the whistle and the sporting way in which they accept all the referees' decisions no matter how wrong they may appear to be.

Partap Singh, who formerly played at outside left, but is now appearing in the inside berth, is a real personality in the side. Invariably scorning the use of boots he plays in light rubber shoes and his tricky elusiveness is well known to most of the local junior sides. He is probably one of the best players so far without an Army trial and I should not be at all surprised if he does get one this year. It would no doubt appear funny to some fans to see a slippered player appearing in a big game, but it is far from being out of bounds of possibility.

Given a couple more seasons of hard going and assiduous practice there is no reason at all why this team should not be able to compete with the best. At present they are still in the raw stage but there is no doubt that the material is there, just needs moulding.

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ONE of the most surprising sides of the season has certainly been Middlesex Regiment. Their record is one of the strangest for many seasons; they lost to Royal Scots, drew with South China "A" and defeated the strong Kwong Wah side by seven goals to two. It may be that the 'Diehards' are one of those sides who will never do well against a poorer side but will play all out against a good one, but I am inclined to think that they are still finding their feet.

In almost every match the team has been changed to some extent and this must have had an unsettling effect. Now, however, they seem to have found the best combination and it is to be hoped that the team will be given a chance to settle down. I was glad to see my faith in Thomas, as a left winger, confirmed, as apparently he played a sterling game in that position on Saturday.

THE defeat of Royal Scots at Stanley came as a big shock, as 12th R.A. had been heavily beaten by R.A.S.C. the previous week.

The ground at Stanley must put off most of the teams who play on it. It is terribly hard and is not too level, the ball repeatedly bouncing off at odd angles, a fact which the Gunner teams have apparently learned how to combat, but which always puts off visiting teams.

As a result of the Scots' defeat Third Division presents a very interesting situation at the moment, with South China, R.A.S.C. and International all level at the top with 12 points and Royal Scots close on their heels with eleven points and a game in hand. Providing all these sides can keep their present form there should be a battle royal for the honours later in the season.

Royal Scots also suffered a setback in Second Division when they were defeated by the Royal Engineers. Engineers have a very strong side and must be regarded as favourites for the division. They have, however, several injured players at the moment and unless they are fit by the next match they might quite possible come a cropper against Signals next week-end.

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THE first Army trial match will take place this month, the date is to be notified later.

It will be interesting to see what players are nominated by their units for trials.

LADIES TEAMS SELECTED FOR CHARITY HOCKEY FESTIVAL

THE MAINLAND LADIES' trial game was played on C.B.A. ground, yesterday, following which the team to oppose the Island Ladies in the charity game on Sunday in aid of the British War Organisation Fund was selected.

The Mainland team will be:—

Miss J. Hall (St. Andrew's); Miss G. White (St. Andrew's), Mrs. Wilmot (C.B.A.); Miss M. McCaw ("Y" Ladies), Miss I. L. Woolley (C.B.A.), and Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's); Miss G. Marr (H.K. Ladies), Miss B. Harker ("Y" Ladies), Miss H. Reid (St. Andrew's) and Miss M. Shand (C.B.S.).

Reserves:—Miss B. Parsons (C.B.A.), Miss A. Smith (C.B.A.), Miss F. Wong (St. Andrew's), and Miss B. Longbottom (St. Andrew's).

The Island Team has also been selected, as follows:

Mrs. Lunson (H.K. Ladies); Miss E. M. Gray (H.K. Ladies), Mrs. Strange ("Y" Ladies); Mrs. Stone ("Y" Ladies), Miss K. M. Pocock ("Y" Ladies), and Miss B. Greaves (St. Andrew's); Mrs. Burnett ("Y" Ladies), Mrs. Gardner ("Y" Ladies), Mrs. Skinner (H.K. Ladies), Mr. Dalziel (H.K. Ladies) and Miss A. Purves (H.K. Ladies).

REFEREES' MEETING

OFFICIALS ELECTED

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association was held last night under the chairmanship of Mr. R. M. Omar.

The following officer-bearers were elected for the ensuing year — Chairman, Mr. D. B. Mitchell; Secretary, Mr. F. J. Silva; Committee, Mr. W. H. Glover (Royal Navy), Mr. M. Minihan (Army) and Mr. D. B. Mitchell (Civilians).

It was decided that the Hong Kong Football Association be written to on the following matters:—

1. That qualified referees should be used as linesmen at Second Division League matches.

2. That referees' fees be increased all round by at least $3, and that the present sliding scale of payment be abolished.

3. That referees should not be allowed to act either as referees or linesmen where their own units are taking part.

4. That the Football Association be requested to have a member of the Referees' Association on their referees' sub-committee.

NORTH THROUGH

In the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition played at the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday, G. North, who received 14 points per game in the three-game match, beat Gene Faggiano by 13 points.

North's total of 459 included his scores of 147, 142, 128, and his handicap allowance of 42. Faggiano's total was 446, made up of 173, 123 and 148.

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"Germany will, however, have to sink between 20,000 and 30,000 tons of shipping every day for months in order to win the war at sea.

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GERMANY'S ADVICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

It is reliably reported that Germany not only advised Finland to yield to the Soviet, but that Herr von der Schulenburg, the German Ambassador, called on the Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, to express the wish that the crisis be settled peacefully.—Havas.

GERMANY AND R.A.F.

Berlin, To-day.

While admitting the R.A.F. raid over north-western Germany, a German military communique says that the 'planes tried to get to Heligoland, but were forced to return in the face of intensive anti-aircraft fire.

The official German news agency, D.N.B., claims that a German reconnaissance machine penetrated into France "as far as the Maginot Line, bringing back valuable sketches of fortification." — Reuter.

AIR TRAINING SCHEME

Ottawa, To-day.

Missions and committees representing the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Canada have worked out the basis for a joint air training scheme, Mr. Mackenzie King revealed in a press statement.

The plan is now being referred to the Governments for their decision.—Reuter.

N.D.I. LINER SAILING DELAYED

Berlin, To-day.

The Rotterdam Lloyd liner Sibajak, which was due to leave Rotterdam on November 25 bound for the Netherlands East Indies, will not be leaving for the present, owing to the increased danger at sea, according to a message from Amsterdam.—Reuter.

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Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

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Some quarters suggest that the Chinese are planning to strike back by encircling the whole region with crack troops.

Japanese troops are now halted outside Nanning while others are endeavouring to rid the city of snipers.

Japanese planes were this morning bombing the Chinese positions north of the "occupied" city.—Our Own Correspondent.

Shanghai, To-day.

In view of recent reports that the Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Chinese Government has ordered that the importation of manufactured goods produced in Shanghai be banned in Chinese-controlled areas, local Chinese manufacturers will shortly wire the Government seeking information whether "Shanghai" includes the International Settlement and the French Concession, says the "Shun Pao."

Great hardship would be caused to Chinese industries, it is pointed out, if the Government ban on goods produced in Shanghai were applied to all Chinese goods produced in the foreign municipal areas.—Reuter.

Tokyo, To-day.

The conclusion of a Non-Aggression Pact with the Soviet Union is advocated by the "Hochi Shimbun," which states that the signing of the pact will enable the Soviet Union to extend unstinted assistance to Germany by removing all causes of worry to the Soviet in the Far East.

The paper adds:—

"The Soviet Union will gain freedom of action against Britain only when she concludes a Non-Aggression Pact and economic agreement with Japan." — Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

"A wave of fury and indignation has swept Leningrad!" says the Moscow radio.

It adds that spontaneous meetings have been held in protest against what it describes as "the impertinent provocation of Finnish war-mongers."

The radio quotes resolutions reported to have been adopted at meetings of the Red Garrisons on Finnish borders declaring, inter alia, "if the war-mongers force us to go to war, we shall destroy the enemy quickly on his own territory." — Reuter.

Macao, To-day.

Tension reigns in the Chung Shan District following the arrival of several Japanese gunboats, armed trawlers and motor-boats off Titshek, west of Shek-ki yesterday.—Our Own Correspondent.

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